

25 April 2023



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Dear 

Re: Freedom of Information request ref CA223

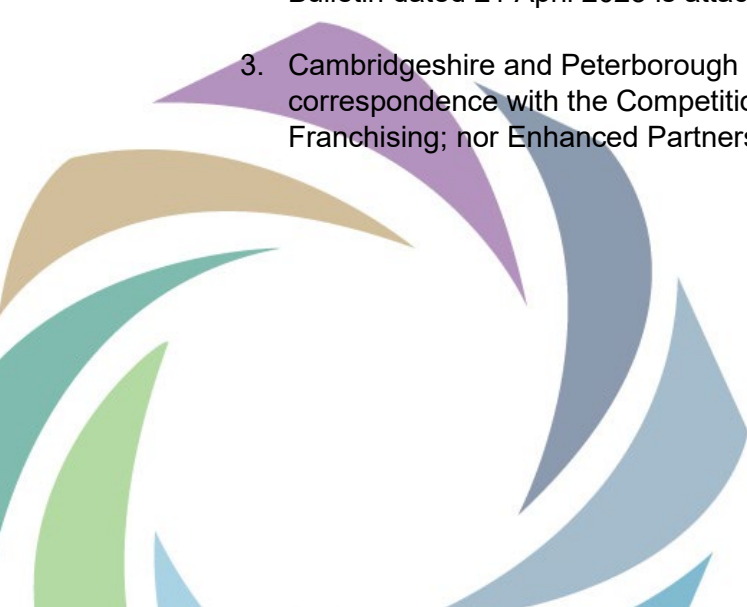
Thank you for your request for information received on 3 April 2023. The response is given below:

Request

Dear Madam/Sir, Date range for all - from 1 Jan 2022 to present: Please send all versions of the DfT document "Delivering Bus Service Improvement Plans using a Franchising Scheme" that have been sent to you by the DfT, including the date on which each was sent, and the email to which it was attached. Please send any other guidance documents about franchising that have been sent by the DfT in this time period. As time permits, in priority order: Please send any guidance from, and all email correspondence with the Competition and Markets Authority. Meeting minutes of any meetings held with the CMA.

Response

1. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority does not hold the document "Delivering Bus Service Improvement Plans using a Franchising Scheme".
2. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority are in receipt of DfT bulletins for Local Transport Authorities setting up Enhanced Partnerships; but there have not been any parallel documents covering Bus Franchising. The latest DfT BSIP and EP Bulletin dated 21 April 2023 is attached.
3. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority has not been in correspondence with the Competition and Markets Authority on the topic of Bus Franchising; nor Enhanced Partnerships for bus services; nor on competition law.

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I hope this information is helpful but if you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review, you should write to us via our contact us email address: democratic.services@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk or write a letter to Complaints, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, 2nd Floor, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon, Cambs PE29 3TN within 40 days of the date of this e-mail.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, or via their website: <https://ico.org.uk/>

Generally, the ICO will not undertake a review or make a decision on a request until the internal review process has been completed.

Yours sincerely

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Welcome to the latest issue of the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) & Enhanced Partnership (EP) bulletin, providing fortnightly updates on support available and key dates for your diary. If you require advice with a specific query, please contact: BSIP@dft.gov.uk

Launch of Bus Centre of Excellence

We announced last month that the Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation (CIHT) would host the Bus Centre of Excellence (BCoE) – see [press release](#). Yesterday (20th April) the CIHT hosted an event for some key stakeholder groups and also held the first meeting of a BCoE stakeholder advisory group, chaired by Leon Daniels.

CIHT have a holding page on their website ([Bus Centre of Excellence | CIHT](#)) where you can check the latest news before the BCoE website goes live (a Beta version is expected to be available around the end of May). If you have any enquiries about the BCoE you can email BCoE@ciht.org.uk.

Release of Year 2 BSIP funding (23/24)

We expect to release the second year of funding (for 2023/24) over the next couple of months, subject to approval of outstanding change requests.

Good News Stories!

Now that the BSIP programme is well into the delivery phase, we have been delighted to see the Good News stories start to appear in local and regional press. Please see examples below:

- <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/news/2023/02/bus-service-improvement-plan-brings-more-evening-and-weekend-buses-to-swanton-morley-and-dereham>
- <https://www.chesterfield.co.uk/2023/04/derbyshire-residents-to-benefit-from-discounted-bus-travel-across-the-county/>

For LTAs in receipt of BSIP funding, as set out in your MoU, media announcements and press releases about improvements funded or part-funded by BSIP funding must be co-branded, must prominently acknowledge the role played by HMG funding and must offer HMG the opportunity in good time to include a comment. Please send draft press releases to your Relationship Manager so that they can forward them to our Press Office. The Press Office will then aim to provide a comment from DfT or a quote from Minister Holden for inclusion in your press release.

Key dates for your Diary:

Thursday 27th April, 2.00pm - DRT Forum: A new group for LTAs pursuing DRT as part of their Bus Service Improvement Plan or who already have schemes in place. If you would like to attend, please contact nathan.cole@dft.gov.uk

Wednesday 17 May and Wednesday 21 June, 1.30-3pm – Future Bus Strategy Forums

Please note, we will be switching to Eventbrite as the method for sending out invitations to the Bus Forums. Please look out for an e mail from Eventbrite with your invitation to the May Forum.