**One network, one timetable, one ticket: planning buses as a public service for Wales**

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**Q1:** Do you agree that change is required in how we deliver bus services to meet the needs of Wales’ citizens and respond to the climate emergency? Please score from strongly agree to strongly disagree.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

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**Q2:** Do you agree that franchising is required to deliver the depth and pace of change to the bus network that is required in the context of the climate emergency? Please score from strongly agree to strongly disagree.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Comments:

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**Q3:** Do you agree with the Welsh Government’s preferred franchising model as described above? Please score from strongly agree to strongly disagree.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

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**Q4:** Do you agree that this model provides sufficient local input for designing local bus networks? Please score from strongly agree to strongly disagree.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

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**Q5:** Do you agree that there is a need for regional consideration and coordination of bus network plans by Corporate Joint Committees, before combining them at a national level? Please score from strongly agree to strongly disagree.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Comments:

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**Q6:** Do you agree that letting and managing contracts at the national level by the Welsh Government through Transport for Wales offers the best opportunity to pool franchising expertise, deliver economies of scale? Please score from strongly agree to strongly disagree.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Comments:

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**Q7:** Do you agree with the need for a duty to ensure plans are designed to be affordable? Please score from strongly agree to strongly disagree.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Comments:

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**Q8:** Do you agree that the proposed powers to make regulations and guidance are suitable to ensure franchises are let successfully and sustainably? Please score from strongly agree to strongly disagree.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Comments:

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**Q9:** Do you agree with the proposed requirement to consider the impact on SME bus operators when franchising? Please score from strongly agree to strongly disagree.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Comments:

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**Q10:** Do you agree with the benefits of establishing a mechanism to allow a public service operator of last resort to ensure services keep running if a franchise fails? Please score from strongly agree to strongly disagree.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Comments:

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**Q11:** Do you think further specific legislative provisions are needed for the transitional period until franchising is introduced?

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**Q12:** Do you agree that local authorities should be able to run bus services directly? Please score from strongly agree to strongly disagree.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Comments:

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**Q13:** Do you agree that local authorities should be able to set up arms-length companies to operate local bus services? Please score from strongly agree to strongly disagree.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Comments:

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**Q14:** Do you agree that local authorities should be able to invest in or acquire bus companies? Please score from strongly agree to strongly disagree.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Comments:

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**Q15:** Do you agree that municipal bus companies should be able to raise fund by borrowing or selling shares? Please score from strongly agree to strongly disagree.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Comments:

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**Q16:** Are there any additional safeguards you would like to see applying to the use of these powers?

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**Q17:** Are there any further comments you would like to provide on the content of this white paper?

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**Q18:** Do you have any comments on the draft Regulatory Impact Assessment published alongside this paper?

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**Q19:** We would like to know your views on the effects that the proposals would have on the Welsh language, specifically on opportunities for people to use Welsh and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English.

What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

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**Q20:** Please also explain how you believe the proposals could be formulated or changed so as to have positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language, and no adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

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**Q21:** We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them:

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