

PE2116/P: Accelerate the implementation of bus franchising powers

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Thank you for contacting Lothian.

As the UK's largest municipal bus operator, Lothian is committed to delivering a reliable, affordable, high frequency network across Edinburgh and the Lothians.

With over 2 million customer journeys each week, Lothian is a major socio-economic contributor at both a local and national level. This can be further evidenced by added-value factors which provide significant additional economic, social and environmental benefits.

In the last 10 years, Lothian have returned over £36million in dividends to its Local Authority Shareholders.

We are monitoring the progression of legislative and policy developments on franchising, including the publishing of the secondary legislation.