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Planning

## **South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority - Pre-Market Engagement Day - Bus Operators**

South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

ProContract Reference: DN791163

### **Description**

South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority are inviting bus operators to attend a Pre-Market Engagement Day 12 November 2025, to find out more about bidding for the first tranche of franchised bus services in South Yorkshire.

Further information can be found via <https://procontract.due-north.com>

ProContract reference DN791163

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 September 2027 to 30 September 2030
- Possible extension to 30 September 2032
- 5 years, 1 month

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 60100000 - Road transport services

### **Contract locations**

- UKE3 - South Yorkshire

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## **Engagement**

### **Engagement deadline**

31 March 2026

## **Engagement process description**

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### **Background**

In March 2025, Mayor Oliver Coppard confirmed the decision to franchise the South Yorkshire bus network. Now, the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) is preparing for a new era of bus services across Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield. The first services will begin in Sheffield and Doncaster in September 2027,

09:30 - 14:30 Wednesday 12 November 2025

Sheffield - location to be confirmed (Please note: this is an in-person event).

During this event, the bus franchising team at South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority will:

Share our vision and project timelines

Explain how procurement and contracting will work

Introduce the team behind the plans

Ask for bus operators views and feedback in shaping our journey.

Further information can be found via ProContract, Ref DN791163.

Who this event is for: This event is in-person and open to any bus operator who is interested in providing bus services in South Yorkshire.

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## **Participation**

## Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

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## Submission

### Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 May 2026

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## Contracting authority

### South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDBT-6675-QXPN

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government