West Yorkshire Combined Authority | Tracy Brabin Mayor of West Yorkshire

Our Reference: 3646

28/05/2026

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Enquiry: Bus Service Information

Thank you for contacting West Yorkshire Combined Authority ('the Combined Authority') with your request for information, which was received on 28/04/2026.

Your request was:

I would like to receive information about the central government and locally available funding streams your local transport authority deploys for bus services. I would also like to receive information on the changes in bus services on annual basis, as outlined in the attached spreadsheet.
How to respond
I have attached a spreadsheet which outlines specific data we are requesting. Please complete the spreadsheet attached and return it by email.

This request is being handled under Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We have completed our searches, and I can confirm that the Combined Authority holds some information covered by your request.

The spreadsheet template supplied with your request does not align with the way the information is held in our systems. In accordance with section 11 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), we are not required to create new information or restructure data to fit a particular template. Instead, we have extracted and provided the information we hold in the attached document titled *Ref 3646 – Funding and Service Information*.

Response to Tab 1 – Funding

Information relating to the funding streams used for bus services has been provided in the attached document, to the extent that it is held and can be reported in a meaningful way.

- CRSTS funding/actuals pre-2022/23 - we do not hold this information in the format requested (i.e. split between bus and non-bus). While underlying financial records exist, they are not coded in a way that would allow us to reliably allocate spend between bus and non-bus services without undertaking a substantial manual exercise. Accordingly, we are unable to provide this breakdown.

- Other funding spent on buses: Tendered Services and Access Bus & School Services pre-2022/23, the figures provided for these items are based on extracts from a legacy system. We no longer have live access to that system to interrogate or validate the underlying transactions. As a result, there may be mapping issues, and some spend from other categories may be included within these totals. The data has been supplied on a best-endeavours basis and should be treated as indicative rather than definitive.
- Covid-19 / Bus Recovery Grant - we have been unable to identify any separately coded, specific spend attributable solely to Covid-19 or Bus Recovery Grant support for bus services. It is possible that such expenditure is embedded within other funding lines (for example, within the broader “other funding spent on buses” categories pre-2022/23), but without access to the legacy system and without distinct coding we cannot isolate or confirm this. On that basis, we do not hold this information in a form that allows us to provide the specific breakdown requested.

Response to Tab 2 – Services

The attached table for services provides, for each year, the allocation of services by subsidy level and operator. For consistency, we have used April of each year as the reference point (a snapshot at that date).

The abbreviations used in the table are:

- T – Fully tendered (subsidised)
- C – Fully commercial
- PT – Part tendered (subsidised) / part commercial

The mileage figures shown in the table represent tendered mileage only. The mileage figure is an annual tendered mileage figure associated with the relevant year and is not specific to individual services.

We do not hold the following information in the form requested in your template, and therefore cannot provide it:

- PVR for services at start of year
- PVR for services at end of year
- Commercial services increased during year
- Commercial services removed during year
- Commercial PVR increased during year
- Commercial PVR removed during year
- Supported services PVR increased during year
- Supported services PVR removed during year
- Commercial services mileage reduction
- Commercial services mileage increase

This level of detail (particularly PVR and in-year changes to commercial services) is not recorded by the Combined Authority in a way that would allow us to extract it without creating new information. Some of this information may be held, if at all, by individual bus operators rather than by the Combined Authority.

If you believe that your request for information has not been handled properly, you can ask for an internal review of our decision. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of this letter.

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

Telephone: 0303 123 1113
Website: www.ico.gov.uk

For your information, there is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely,
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