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**West Yorkshire Combined Authority**

**Notice of an extended period for an application to vary or cancel a registration of a local service in the West Yorkshire Franchising Area**

1. The Mayor is today publishing the West Yorkshire Franchising Scheme for Buses under section 123H(1) of the Transport Act 2000.
2. This notice is given by the Mayor on behalf of West Yorkshire Combined Authority under regulation 4 of Public Service Vehicles (Registration of Local Services) (Franchising Schemes Transitional Provisions and Amendments) (England) Regulations 2018.
3. This Notice provides, in relation to an application to which regulation 4 applies, that, subject to paragraphs (3) and (4) of that regulation, the period referred to in section 6(8)(a) of the Transport Act 1985 is except as set out in paragraphs 5 and 6 below, 112 days beginning on the date on which the Traffic Commissioner accepts the application.
4. The period referred to in section 6(8)(a) of the 1985 Act is one that must expire before an application to vary or cancel the registration of a local service has effect. An application to which regulation 4, and thus this Notice, applies is an application:
  - (a) *to vary or cancel the registration of a service that—*
    - (i) *has one or more stopping places in the area to which the West Yorkshire Franchising Scheme for Buses applies;*
    - (ii) *is not an excepted service;*
    - (iii) *is not an exempt service; and*
    - (iv) *is not one in relation to which registration restrictions have effect, and*
  - (b) *that is accepted by a traffic commissioner before section 123J(2) of the 2000 Act has effect in relation to that area.*
5. Subject to paragraph 6, where a service has registered kilometrage outside of the area to which the West Yorkshire Franchising Scheme applies, the period referred to in section 6(8)(a) of the 1985 Act is 70 days beginning on the date on which the Traffic Commissioner accepts the application.
6. Where any of the cases specified in regulation 7(2) Public Service Vehicles (Registration of Local Services) Regulations 1986 would apply in the absence of this

notice, the period referred to in section 6(8)(a) of the 1985 Act shall have effect as if the period referred to in section 6(8)(a) of the 1985 Act is such period as West Yorkshire Combined Authority may determine, provided that such period shall be no more than 112 days.

7. The cases specified in regulation 7(2) Public Service Vehicles (Registration of Local Services) Regulations 1986 (as currently amended) are:
  - a. where an operator applies to register or vary a registration with respect to a service or part of a service which will be substantially similar to and replace a service or part of a service which [either he or] another operator has ceased or is ceasing to operate;
  - b. where an operator applies to vary or cancel the registration of a [standard service] which is either not available to members of the general public or not regularly used by them;
  - c. where an operator applies to vary or cancel the registration of a service in response to representations from a person authorised by either a traffic authority or a chief officer of police on a matter concerning road traffic regulation or road safety;
  - d. where an operator applies to register particulars of a new service, or vary the registration to augment an existing service, in order to provide the new or augmented service for a period not exceeding 21 days, in connection with a specified event or occasion which will cause an additional demand for a service;
  - e. where an operator applies to vary a registration by adjusting the timetable of a service without significantly affecting the level of the service provided, and the adjusted timings are either—
    - i. in no case more than 10 minutes earlier or later than those in the registered timetable, or
    - ii. required to adapt the service to a variation in a connecting rail, ferry or air service;
  - f. where an operator applies to vary the registration so as to vary or suspend a service during a period not exceeding 14 days in response to public holidays restricted to the relevant locality or holidays taken by a substantial proportion of the population in that locality;
  - g. ...
  - h. where an operator, due to circumstances which he could not reasonably have foreseen, failed to make an application in sufficient time for the period of notice applicable apart from this sub-paragraph to operate.
  - i. where an operator applies to register or vary a registration with respect to a service or part of a service in order to meet an urgent and exceptional public passenger transport requirement.

8. For further information about this Notice, please contact [Bus.reform@westyorks-ca.gov.uk](mailto:Bus.reform@westyorks-ca.gov.uk).