



## ***BUILDING A BROAD ALLIANCE FOR BETTER BUS SERVICES ACROSS THE WEST MIDLANDS***

### Campaigning For a Franchised Bus Service

The Chair of the Midland TUC Pensioners Network Yvonne Washbourne, at a lobby of Board Members outside the Council House in Victoria Square Birmingham on Friday February 9<sup>th</sup>; challenged Andy Street, the Mayor of the West Midland Combined Authority, to commit to the establishment of a Franchising model for the delivery of bus services across the region.



While not committing to a Franchising model for the delivery of bus services across the West Midland Combined Authority (WMCA), for which he has ultimate responsibility, Mayor Street did imply he would abide by the report recommendations to be presented to the WMCA Board at the July meeting, when he spoke to Yvonne Washbourne.

But he would not commit to either maintaining the present Enhanced Partnership arrangement or moving to a Franchising model for bus service delivery before the Mayoral Elections in May.

If approved by Board Members of the WMCA, a proposed Franchising model for the future delivery of bus services across the WMCA would go out to consultation in 2025.



Members of the Midland TUC Pensioners Network the West Midland Pensioners Convention, the community activist group ACORN, University and College Union (UCU), UNITE Communities and the RMT.

Lobbying members of the West Midland Combined Authority Board on the steps of the Council House, Victoria Square Birmingham – on Friday February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Demanding Better Bus Services for all.

# Building the Campaign for Better Buses



We the undersigned believe that the provision of affordable, safe, reliable, accessible for all bus services – fully funded and democratically accountable should be a fundamental human right. And that the existing enhanced partnership between Transport for the West Midlands (TfWM) and private bus operators is no longer fit for purpose. We need far greater Public Control (franchising) of our bus services across the West Midlands.

We support the Campaign for Better Bus Services opposition to bus service cuts across the UK and highlighting the need for increased funding of our bus services and an end to privatisation where bus companies put profits before people

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This petition to be sent to: Andy Street: Mayor of West Midland Combined Authority.

Supported by: Midland Trades Union Council and West Midland Pensioners Convention



Please return the completed petition to : TUC Midlands, 47 Summer Lane, Birmingham B19 3TH