

**Questions to Transport Advisory Group
27th November, 2024**

Question 1 – From Councillor Thorp

The buses running through Whiston to Rotherham.

Answer:-

The question appears to be missing information. If the Councillor would like to expand on the detail of the question, a response outside of this meeting can be provide.

Question 2 – From Councillor Thorp

Do the bus drivers get any training on how to deal with somebody who has Epilepsy?

Answer:-

Bus drivers have to complete a number of courses to become a certified driver. These competencies are then tested on an annual/reoccurring basis to ensure training remains current (CPC training). This does not usually include first aid and this would need to be confirmed on an individual basis by each bus operator.

Question 3 – From Councillor Thorp

There is talk of bringing bus services in-house – is this going to happen?

Answer:-

The Councillor is referring to Bus Franchising, to which SYMCA have recently started consultation with residents and businesses. Details can be found here www.southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk/bus-reform. All Councillors have received this information from SYMCA and a briefing was offered in October. If there any further questions, this can be directed to busreform@southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk

Question 4 – From Bob Croxton, Treeton Parrish Council

I would like to bring up the issues of the boundaries of the our boroughs/cities of South Yorkshire with regard to purchasing bus tickets. These boundaries are difficult to know and there are abnormalities in my own area of Treeton. The neighbouring village of

Catcliffe, which like Treeton is in Rotherham, actually is classed as Sheffield for the purchase of saver type tickets.

Answer:-

The operators determine the boundaries between local authority areas for ticketing, as SYMCA does not hold this responsibility. However, I can confirm that all Rotherham tickets are valid for travel within Rotherham.

In some cases, areas like Meadowhall and Waverley have been agreed upon with operators to function as multi-district zones. This arrangement facilitates access to employment and amenities without requiring separate tickets. For example, Sheffield residents can travel to work at the Advanced Manufacturing Park (AMP) without needing a ticket for a different district, as stops in this area are classified as both Sheffield and Rotherham. Similarly, Meadowhall is also considered part of Rotherham, allowing Rotherham residents to use their Rotherham tickets to access this area.