

Priorities for Government

Buses are the backbone of public transport networks across the country. They account for 60% of public transport journeys and improve the connectivity of communities, tackling social and economic exclusion, as well as reducing air pollution and cutting carbon emissions. The industry also supports 250,000 jobs.

Over the coming months MPs will have to make crucial decisions that will shape the future of buses for passengers for years to come. These are the priorities that we believe the next Westminster government should focus on to ensure that bus services work for passengers and encourage more people to take the bus.

Led by CPT the bus industry in England has set out plans to:

buy only ultra-low or zero emission buses from 2025



introduce multi operator price capped ticketing in urban areas from 2022



provide discounted travel for job seekers and apprentices building on schemes that are already in place



Campaign for Better Transport has been calling on the government and industry to increase usage of the bus, set a clear route to zero emissions, ensure better integration with other transport and grow the use of technology to improve services, by:

introducing a National Bus Strategy to outline a clear policy direction

setting out multi-year revenue and capital funding for local authorities and bus operators



launching a programme to replace the entire bus fleet with zero emission vehicles by 2035 and all new buses being zero emission from 2025



put the **bus** at the heart of transport policy, tackle **climate change** and be a global leader in the **zero emission** transition

- Deliver a national bus strategy that has tackling congestion and providing more reliable journey times at its core.
- Provide a long term funding settlement to secure the delivery of more zero emission buses, multi operator daily and weekly price capped ticketing and reduced travel costs for job seekers and apprentices.



deliver bus-first **investments** in towns and cities

- Make increasing bus passenger numbers core to future rounds of infrastructure funding for urban transport.
- Incentivise local transport authorities to meet targets for reduced bus journey times in return for infrastructure funding.



tackle the **rural mobility** challenge

- Work with bus operators, campaigners and other stakeholders to deliver trials of innovative rural transport, including on demand services.
- Provide meaningful funding to kick-start the roll-out of 'Total Transport' partnerships between local transport authorities, operators and other partners and encourage central and local government agencies, including the NHS, to participate in integrated bus network planning and delivery.

