



Public Transport Ticketing Schemes Block Exemption Review

Consultation Response

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 **Nexus** is the Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Executive and administers funds on behalf of the North East Combined Authority. We provide, plan and promote public transport to improve the economic prosperity of Tyne and Wear, and the daily lives of its people. We also look to the future, creating the travel networks people will want to use in decades to come.
- 1.2 We are one of the six English Passenger Transport Executives and are represented by **pteg**
- 1.3 We own the Tyne and Wear Metro which is operated by Concession and which carries almost 40m passenger journeys per year
- 1.4 We own and operate the Shields Ferry, a cross-Tyne passenger ferry service which carries almost half a million passenger journeys per year.
- 1.5 We are a member of Network One, which provides multi-operator ticketing options for passengers throughout Tyne and Wear.

2 Response

- 2.1 We fully endorse the response provided by pteg and support the CMA's proposal to recommend to the Secretary of State that the Block Exemption be renewed for a period of ten years.
- 2.2 pteg did not respond to Q4 "**If the Block Exemption was not renewed how would that influence your operations?**" which we would like to specifically address.
- 2.3 The multi-operator ticketing scheme currently in operation within Tyne and Wear (Network One) provides passengers with increased mobility, improved accessibility and is responsible for almost 15 million passenger journeys per year.

2.4 Were the removal of the Block Exemption to prohibit this ticketing scheme; it would reduce passenger choice and flexibility and significantly reduce public transport integration.