

60335 Bus Franchising Safety Governance, Transparency and Mayoral Transport Powers

This request relates to bus passenger safety governance, oversight, data and reporting in relation to the Council's role as majority shareholder of Lothian Buses and its wider responsibilities for public transport.

For the period 1 January 2019 to present, please provide:

Shareholder and Governance Oversight

Copies of any documents that set out or describe:

- the Council's governance, oversight or assurance arrangements relating to bus passenger safety in respect of Lothian Buses
- shareholder oversight arrangements relating to safety performance
- escalation or reporting processes relating to bus safety risks or incidents.

Safety Data Received or Reviewed

Details of what categories of bus safety or incident data the Council receives or reviews in its role as shareholder or transport authority (for example collisions, injuries, passenger falls, assaults or near misses), including whether this is received routinely or periodically.

Committees and Reporting

Please provide:

- agendas, minutes, reports or briefing papers from any council committees or boards where bus safety, safety performance, or risk was discussed.
- officer reports or presentations relating to bus safety oversight.

Incident Response and Assurance

Copies of any documents describing:

- how the Council is informed of serious bus incidents or safety concerns involving Lothian Buses.
- how safety trends or risks are reviewed or escalated.

Publication and Transparency

Please provide:

- any documents discussing whether bus safety data should be published, summarised or reported publicly.
- any barriers, risks or constraints identified in relation to publication.

(Scope clarification - This request seeks governance, oversight, assurance and reporting documents only.)

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide you with the information requested because it is not held by the Council.

We have been unable to identify specific recorded information or documents within scope of your request. There are no formal procedures for reporting safety incidents to the Council, although Lothian Buses may report incident and accident information via papers issued for discussion at their Board or Audit and Risk Committee, along with associated safety procedures and/or amendments. A Council Observer will be in attendance and have sight of these papers.