



Transport Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 38

PART II

LOCAL TRANSPORT

Bus services: quality contracts schemes [^{F1} in Wales]

124 Quality contracts schemes.

- (1) A local transport authority [^{F1}for an area in Wales], or two or more such authorities acting jointly, may make a quality contracts scheme covering the whole or any part of their area, or combined area, if they are satisfied that—
- [^{F2}(a) the proposed scheme will result in an increase in the use of bus services (see subsection (9B)) in the area to which the proposed scheme relates,]
 - [^{F2}(b) the proposed scheme will bring benefits to persons using local services in the area to which the proposed scheme relates, by improving the quality of those services,]
 - [^{F2}(c) the proposed scheme will contribute to the implementation of the local transport policies of the authority or authorities,]
 - [^{F2}(d) the proposed scheme will contribute to the implementation of those policies in a way which is economic, efficient and effective, and]
 - [^{F2}(e) any adverse effects of the proposed scheme on operators will be proportionate to the improvement in the well-being of persons living or working in the area to which the proposed scheme relates and, in particular, to the achievement of the objectives mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (d).]

[^{F3}(1A)

[^{F3}(1B)

- [^{F4}(2) A quality contracts scheme may not be made unless the authority or authorities—
- (a) have complied with the requirements of section 125, [^{F5}and]

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(b) ^{F6}... have obtained the approval of the Welsh Ministers in accordance with section 126, ^{F7}]

^{F7}(c)

^{F8}(2A)

- (3) A quality contracts scheme is a scheme under which—
 - (a) the authority or authorities determine what local services should be provided in the area to which the scheme relates and any additional facilities or services which should be provided in that area, and
 - (b) local services may only be provided in that area in accordance with quality contracts (subject to section 127(4) [^{F9}and section 132C]).
- (4) In this Part “quality contract”, in relation to a quality contracts scheme, means an agreement entered into under section 130 or 131 under which—
 - (a) the authority or authorities grant to another person the exclusive right to operate the local services to which the contract relates, and
 - (b) that person undertakes to provide the services on such terms (including in particular as to frequency, fares and standard of service) as may be specified in the agreement.
- (5) A quality contract may be made on terms—
 - (a) which include provision for the making of payments by the authority or authorities to the person undertaking to provide the local service, and
 - (b) requiring one or more of the parties to provide additional facilities or services.
- (6) Section 88(1) of the ^{M1}Transport Act 1985 (application to subsidy agreements of sections 89 to 92 of that Act) does not apply in relation to quality contracts.
- (7) The authority or authorities must keep under review the extent to which quality contracts entered into by them are complied with.
- (8) In carrying out their functions under this Part in relation to quality contracts schemes, local transport authorities must co-operate with one another.
- (9) In considering whether to make a quality contracts scheme, a local transport authority [^{F10}for an area in Wales] must have regard to the desirability, in appropriate cases, of making a scheme jointly with another [^{F11}such] authority.

^{F12}(9A)

[^{F13}(9B) The reference in subsection (1)(a) to increasing the use of bus services includes a reference to reducing, arresting or reversing decline in the use of bus services.]

^{F14}(10)

^{F15}(11)

^{F15}(12)

^{F15}(13)

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in s. 124(1) inserted (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 27.6.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [Bus Services Act 2017 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 26(3), [Sch. 2 para. 7\(2\)](#)

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- F2** S. 124(1)(a)-(e) substituted for s. 124(1)(a)(b) (11.1.2010 for E.) by [Local Transport Act 2008 \(c. 26\)](#), [ss. 19\(2\)](#), [134\(4\)](#); [S.I. 2009/3242](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- F3** S. 124(1A)(1B) omitted (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 27.6.2017 in so far as not already in force) by virtue of [Bus Services Act 2017 \(c. 21\)](#), [s. 26\(3\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 7\(3\)](#)
- F4** S. 124(2)(2A) substituted for s. 124(2) (11.1.2010 for E.) by [Local Transport Act 2008 \(c. 26\)](#), [ss. 19\(3\)](#), [134\(4\)](#); [S.I. 2009/3242](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- F5** Word in s. 124(2)(a) inserted (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 27.6.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [Bus Services Act 2017 \(c. 21\)](#), [s. 26\(3\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 7\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- F6** Words in s. 124(2)(b) omitted (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 27.6.2017 in so far as not already in force) by virtue of [Bus Services Act 2017 \(c. 21\)](#), [s. 26\(3\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 7\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- F7** S. 124(2)(c) and word omitted (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 27.6.2017 in so far as not already in force) by virtue of [Bus Services Act 2017 \(c. 21\)](#), [s. 26\(3\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 7\(4\)\(c\)](#)
- F8** S. 124(2A) omitted (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 27.6.2017 in so far as not already in force) by virtue of [Bus Services Act 2017 \(c. 21\)](#), [s. 26\(3\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 7\(5\)](#)
- F9** Words in s. 124(3)(b) inserted (11.1.2010 for E.) by [Local Transport Act 2008 \(c. 26\)](#), [ss. 19\(4\)](#), [134\(4\)](#); [S.I. 2009/3242](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- F10** Words in s. 124(9) inserted (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 27.6.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [Bus Services Act 2017 \(c. 21\)](#), [s. 26\(3\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 7\(6\)\(a\)](#)
- F11** Word in s. 124(9) inserted (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 27.6.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [Bus Services Act 2017 \(c. 21\)](#), [s. 26\(3\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 7\(6\)\(b\)](#)
- F12** S. 124(9A) omitted (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 27.6.2017 in so far as not already in force) by virtue of [Bus Services Act 2017 \(c. 21\)](#), [s. 26\(3\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 7\(7\)](#)
- F13** S. 124(9B) inserted (11.1.2010 for E.) by [Local Transport Act 2008 \(c. 26\)](#), [ss. 19\(6\)](#), [134\(4\)](#); [S.I. 2009/3242](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- F14** S. 124(10) repealed (9.2.2009 for E., 1.4.2009 for W.) by [Local Transport Act 2008 \(c. 26\)](#), [s. 134\(4\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 2\(3\)](#), [Sch. 7 Pt. 1](#); [S.I. 2009/107](#), [art. 2\(2\)](#), [Sch. 2 Pt. 1](#); [S.I. 2009/579](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)
- F15** S. 124(11)-(13) omitted (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 27.6.2017 in so far as not already in force) by virtue of [Bus Services Act 2017 \(c. 21\)](#), [s. 26\(3\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 7\(8\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 124 applied (with modifications) (1.2.2005) by [The Local Authorities' Plans and Strategies \(Disapplication\) \(England\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/157\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 2 para. 6](#) (with [art. 7\(4\)](#))

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 124 partly in force; s. 124 not in force at Royal Assent see [s. 275\(1\)\(2\)](#); s. 124 in force for specified purposes (W.) at 1.8.2001 by [S.I. 2001/2788](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#); s. 124 in force (E.) at 26.10.2001 by [S.I. 2001/3342](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch.](#)

Marginal Citations

- M1** [1985 c. 67](#).

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Blanket amendment words substituted by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 34](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 146(1)(defn.)(a)(b) by [2000 c. 38 s. 274 Sch. 31 Pt. 2](#)
- s. 19(2)(aa) inserted by [S.I. 2019/93, Sch. 1 para. 9\(1C\)\(b\)](#) (as inserted) by [S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 25](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)
- s. 131A(2)(a) words omitted by [2017 c. 21 Sch. 2 para. 13\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 131A(2)(b) omitted by [2017 c. 21 Sch. 2 para. 13\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 131A(4) omitted by [2017 c. 21 Sch. 2 para. 13\(b\)](#)
- s. 131A(5)(b) words omitted by [2017 c. 21 Sch. 2 para. 13\(c\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 131A(5)(c) words omitted by [2017 c. 21 Sch. 2 para. 13\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 132B(1)(a) omitted by [2017 c. 21 Sch. 2 para. 19](#)
- [Sch. 16 para. 34\(4\)\(a\)para. 34\(4\)\(b\)\(c\)](#) repealed by [2005 c. 14 Sch. 13 Pt. 1](#)