

**From:** [Julianna Walton](#)  
**To:** [Portfolio Committee 6](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Inquiry into the Privatisation of bus services – Post-hearing responses – 3 May 2022  
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Hi again Emily - this is interesting. Manchester found its privatised bus system unsatisfactory and is trying to move to the London model which they describe as a “franchising” model. They had to fight off bus operators in the courts to do it.  
<https://www.intelligenttransport.com/transport-news/135549/greater-manchester-bus-franchising/>

As our submission noted, patronage crashed outside London when the bus system was privatised. London did not go as far and Its patronage losses were not as bad. Of course, if we care about climate change that’s not good enough - we need to be building patronage, a lot.

Regards, Julie Walton

**From:** [Julianna Walton](#)  
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<https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/news/new-greater-manchester-bus-service-improvement-plan-marks-next-step-towards-delivering-bee-network/>

Note the statement that Manchester is: "the only place outside London putting buses under public control".

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