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**2024 No.**

The North East Mayoral Combined Authority  
(Establishment and Functions) Order 2024

PART 5

Transport

**Grants to bus service operators**

**24.**—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) to (4), the functions of the Secretary of State set out in section 154(1) (grants to bus service operators) of the 2000 Act are exercisable by the Combined Authority in relation to the Combined Area<sup>(1)</sup>.

(2) Section 154(1) of the 2000 Act has effect as if the words “with the approval of the Treasury” were omitted.

(3) Grants made under paragraph (1) must be—

- (a) calculated in accordance with such method as may be provided by any regulations made by the Secretary of State under section 154(2) of the 2000 Act; and
- (b) subject to sub-paragraph (a), of such amount and subject to such conditions (including conditions requiring their repayment in specified circumstances) as may be determined by the Secretary of State by virtue of section 154(3) of the 2000 Act and notified to the Combined Authority.

(4) Grants must not be made under paragraph (1) to the extent that eligible bus services operate outside the Combined Area.

(5) The functions mentioned in paragraph (1) are exercisable concurrently with the Secretary of State in relation to the Combined Area.

(6) In this article, “eligible bus services” has the meaning given by section 154(5) of the 2000 Act.

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(1) The combined authority is a mayoral combined authority for the purposes of section 123A(4)(a) (franchising schemes) of the Transport Act 2000; section 123A was inserted by section 4 of the Bus Services Act 2017 (c. 21).