

## News story: Cleaner journeys as government commits £11 million to greener buses

Local authorities and bus companies in Bristol, York, Brighton, Surrey, Denbighshire and Wiltshire have been [awarded the funding](#) under the government's 'Low emission bus scheme' to help them buy 153 cleaner buses.

The successful bidders will use the funding to buy new electric and gas buses, and to install stations to fuel or charge them.

The government is determined to clean up air in towns and cities across the country, and today's (28 August 2017) investment in green buses comes after our [air quality plan](#) was published last month.

Transport Minister Paul Maynard said:

Low emission buses are an important part of our plans to make motoring cleaner and improve air quality across the country.

New greener buses will be more comfortable for passengers, they are cost efficient and are good for the environment.

I am pleased to announce this latest group of successful bidders, which should make a real difference to air quality in towns and cities across the country.

The successful bidders are:

- Denbighshire County Council, Wales – £500,000 for 4 electric buses to be used on services in mid-Denbighshire
- City of York Council – £3.3 million for 24 electric buses to be used on park and ride services in York
- South Gloucestershire Council – £4.8 million for 110 gas buses for services around Bristol
- Surrey County Council, Guildford – £1.5 million for 9 electric buses to be used on park and ride services in Guildford
- The Big Lemon, £500,000 for 3 electric buses to be used in the Brighton area
- Go South Coast / Wiltshire County Council – £500,000 for 3 electric buses to be used on park and ride services around Salisbury

The government's support for low emission buses is one part of a £600 million package of measures from the Office for Low Emission Vehicles by 2020, plus £270 million announced in the 2016 [Autumn Statement](#) to support the roll out of low emission cars, taxis and buses and supporting infrastructure.

This follows an initial £30 million awarded to bus companies and local councils in July 2016 under the 'Low emission bus scheme' to help put over 300 more low emission buses on the country's roads.

Later this year, the government will also publish plans for a second round of the 'Low emission bus scheme' with a view to putting even more of the cleanest buses on our streets.