



Public Transport
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Issue Proforma

<i>Reference number</i>	106
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<i>Title/Short description</i>	Update of Enumerated list of Transport Authorities in TransXChange
<i>Issue description</i>	There is an enumerated list of Transport authorities in TransXChange, in the AuthorityName element. It is mandated in electronic registrations to provide a list of authorities that a registration has been circulated to. AuthorityName is also used when providing information about a Contracting Authority when the service is being provided under contract The list of authorities was last revised in 2010 as part of PTIC-074, as part of that Issue a mechanism to support ad-hoc authorities by providing manually added textual names was added (UnverifiedAuthorityName). Since 2010 there have been a changes to transport authorities and the lack of the updated authorities in TransXChange is becoming an issue for operators and OTC. In addition, the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill is progressing through parliament. Once enacted this will enable changes to a large number of authority boundaries, with authorities combining, splitting and partnering with each other. These changes will happen over a period of time rather than all at once.



<i>Issue manifestation</i>	Operators are unable to select the correct authorities impacted by a registration when providing electronic registrations to OTC. Using UnverifiedAuthorityName allows for typos and authorities which are not transport authorities to be included which is not optimal for structured data processing. Operators and authorities unable to provide consistent details of contracting authorities in TXC files, whether for registration or other purposes
<i>Issue severity</i>	<i>Medium</i>
<i>Priority code</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Response options</i>	<i>1) Retain the current enumerated list</i> <i>2) Update the enumerated list and develop a process for regularly updating the enumeration.</i> <i>3) Remove the enumeration and allow free text entry.</i> <i>There is a need to ensure robust tracking of authorities who have received registrations to ensure responses are received to registrations.</i> <i>Not updating the enumeration is not optimal and will cause more problems over time as there are further changes to authorities.</i> <i>Removing the enumeration would require more manual intervention to ensure correct spellings etc at a time when resources are constrained.</i> <i>Updating the enumerated list would appear to be the optimal response, along with providing a mechanism to update on a regular basis.</i> <i>Revised versions of TransXChange schema will need to be created. It is suggested that v2.4.2 and v2.5.2 revisions are created.</i> <i>It is not proposed to update v2.1.</i> <i>The impact of this for operators, authorities and suppliers is that there will need to be an update to the list of transport authorities in systems handling TransXChange – both providers of, and consumers (where used). There will need to be an initial update, and a process agreed to allow ongoing updates.</i>
<i>Response actor</i>	<i>Tim Rivett</i>
<i>Respondent code</i>	

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<i>Issue progress</i>	<i>New</i>
<i>Status code</i>	

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