

GENERAL MEETING OF RAIL NORTH LTD

Minutes of the first meeting of the Association held at Manchester Town Hall, The Reception Room, Manchester on 12 January 2016.

PRESENT:

Sir Richard Leese	Greater Manchester Combined Authority
Keith Wakefield	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
John Fillis	Lancashire County Council
Phil Riley	Blackburn with Darwen Council
Ray Oxtby	North East Lincolnshire Council
Keith Little	Cumbria County Council
Liam Robinson	Liverpool City Region Combined Authority
Terry O'Neill	Warrington Borough Council
David Brown	Cheshire East Council
Brian Clarke	Cheshire West and Chester Council
Jack Brereton	Stoke-on-Trent City Council
Mark Winnington	Staffordshire County Council
Fred Jackson	Blackpool Council
Nick Forbes	North East Combined Authority
Phil Riley	Blackburn with Darwen Council
Dean Collins	Derbyshire County Council
Andy Burton	East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Ian Gillies	City of York Council

APOLOGIES:

Baroness Redfern	North Lincolnshire Council
Nick McDonald	Nottingham City Council
Chris Metcalfe	North Yorkshire County Council
Bill Dixon	Darlington Borough Council
Martin Mancey	Hull City Council
Chris Akers-Belcher	Hartlepool Borough Council
Steve Calvert	Nottinghamshire County Council
Bob Cook	Stockton Borough Council
Julie Dore	Sheffield City Region Combined Authority
Sam Dixon	Cheshire West and Chester Council (substitute attended)

IN ATTENDANCE:

David Hoggarth	Rail North
Fergus Robertson	Rail North Partnership
Leo Goodwin	First
Graham Micklejohn	First
Roger Cobbe	Arriva
Jerry Swift	Arriva
Andy Brown	Cumbria County Council
Mike Ibbotson	Hull City Council
Jim Bamford	Nottinghamshire County Council
Kevin Williams	Derbyshire County Council
Wayne Menzies	Merseytravel
Lucy Hudson	North East Lincolnshire Council
Gerard Rhodes	Cheshire West and Cheshire Council
Clare Horton	Staffordshire County Council
Austin Knott	Stoke-on-Trent City Council

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of the meeting was to deal with a number of matters reserved to the full membership of Rail North Ltd.

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 2.1 One nomination was received from Cllr Liz Redfern from North Lincolnshire Council. Baroness Redfern was elected as Vice Chair of the Association of Rail North Partner Authorities.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

- 3.1 The Chair reminded members to make appropriate declarations of interest..

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 OCTOBER 2016

- 4.1 These were agreed with one correction to the attendance list.

5. 2016/17 BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET

- 5.1 The Rail North Director introduced the report and pointed out that the 2016/17 budget was unchanged from the previously discussed amount, but that there would be a need to re-visit staffing and resource levels in future years given the level of ambition.

5.2 The report of the Rail North Director was considered and the following was agreed:

- that WYCA set up bank accounts under the Authority's arrangement with Lloyds Bank
- that the Rail North Director is delegated as signatory to the company bank accounts.
- That the company address for Rail North Ltd is amended to Wellington House, 40-50 Wellington Street, Leeds, LS1 2DE
- That external auditors are appointed at an estimated cost of c.£5k pa
- That the appointment of auditors is delegated to the Rail North Director with assistance from WYCA using the mechanism in place for local authority appointment of auditors.
- That Rail North Directors on the Partnership Strategic Board are agreed as David Hoggarth, Tobyn Hughes and Phil Barrett

5.3 The appointment of a Company Secretary was deferred to the next meeting of the Board.

6. NEXT MEETING AND CLOSE

6.1 The next meeting of the Association is to take place on 2 March 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

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Chairman