

## THE ASSOCIATION OF RAIL NORTH PARTNER AUTHORITIES

Minutes of the meeting of the Association held at The Guildhall, Hull, 14 September 2017

### PRESENT:

Sir Richard Leese	Greater Manchester Combined Authority (Chair)
Terry O'Neill	Warrington Borough Council
Trevor Ainsworth	Derbyshire County Council
Keith Little	Cumbria County Council
Phil Riley	Blackburn with Darwin Council
Judith Blake	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Liam Robinson	Liverpool City Region Combined Authority
Don Makenzie	North Yorkshire County Council
Bill Dixon	Tees Valley Combined Authority
Symon Fraser	East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Rob Waltham	North Lincolnshire Council (by phone)
David Brown	Cheshire East Council (by phone)

### APOLOGIES:

Ian Gillies	City of York Council
Jon Collins	Nottingham City Council
Richard Jackson	Nottinghamshire County Council
Daniel Jellyman	Stoke on Trent City Council
Chris Brewis	Lincolnshire County Council
Ray Oxby	North East Lincolnshire Council
Simon Blackburn	Blackpool Borough Council
Philip Atkins	Staffordshire County Council
Keith Iddon	Lancashire County Council
Martin Mancey	Hull City Council
Ben Houchen	Tees Valley CA (Bill Dixon Substituting)
Mohammed Khan	Blackburn with Darwin Council (Phil Riley substituting)

### IN ATTENDANCE:

David Hoggarth	Rail North Ltd
Jim Bamford	Rail North Ltd
Simon Shrouder	TfN
Eamon Hanlon	TfN
Louise Ebbs	TransPennine Express (Items 1-5)
Graham Meiklejohn	TransPennine Express (Items 1-5)

## **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1.1 These are listed above.

## **2. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

2.1 The Chair reminded members to make appropriate declarations of interest.

## **3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 MARCH 2017**

3.1 These were agreed.

## **4. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

4.1 It was **agreed** to continue with the present Chair and Vice Chair until such time as Rail North is integrated into TfN (expected to be April 2018).

## **5. PRESENTATION FROM TRANSPENNINE EXPRESS**

5.1 A presentation was made by Louise Ebbs (Strategy Director, TransPennine Express) covering progress on their transformational plans. The presentation included an update on the refurbishment of the existing fleet of Class 185 trains and a progress update on the new-build rolling stock which includes new coaching stock to be in service in 2018 and a new fleet of bi-mode trains to be in service by December 2019.

5.2 Louise also outlined how passenger demand growth had outstripped the industry average and some early service improvements including extensions to/from Newcastle and some later services to/from Hull. TPE has a shared ambition to deliver more and Louise outlined work on a number of 'route studies' looking at future enhancements including the Hope Valley (South Transpennine route) and services between Hull and Leeds.

5.3 Members reflected on the good start made on delivery and the Chair thanked Louise and Graham for their presentation.

## **6. LONG TERM RAIL STRATEGY REFRESH**

6.1 Members were updated on the development of the Long-Term Rail Strategy (LTRS) through the attached report and a brief presentation from Jim Bamford, Head of Investment Planning. The update was **noted** together with the principles set out in Appendix 1 of the attached report.

- 6.2 Members asked that integration with other modes of transport is given due consideration in the strategy.
- 6.3 It was **agreed** that the updated LTRS would become an integral part of TfN's Strategic Transport Plan and would be used to influence future investment priorities.
- 6.4 It was **agreed** that a special meeting of the Association would be held in November to consider the draft strategy in more detail.
- 6.5 It was **noted** that the Northern Rail 'fares harmonisation' proposal would not be pursued as currently proposed and that a fares strategy was also being developed as part of the overall strategy. It was planned to set up a small members' working group. Councillors Waltham and Dixon volunteered and Cllr Blake volunteered Cllr Keith Wakefield.

## 7. NEXT MEETING AND CLOSE

- 7.1 The next meeting of the Association is to be arranged and will be for consideration of the draft Long Term Rail Strategy.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

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Chairman