

## GENERAL MEETING OF RAIL NORTH LTD

Minutes of the General Meeting of Rail North Ltd held in The Guildhall, Hull on 14 September 2017.

### PRESENT:

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| 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:

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|-----------------|---|
| 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:

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|----------------|----------------|
| David Hoggarth | Rail North Ltd |
| Jim Bamford    | Rail North Ltd |
| Simon Shrouder | TfN            |
| Eamon Hanlon   | TfN            |

## **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1.1 These are listed on the previous page.

## **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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** as a correct record.

## **4. FRANCHISE UPDATE**

4.1 David Hoggarth presented a franchise update report which had been prepared by Gary Bogan, the Rail North Partnership Director. The update included positive progress on franchise delivery and also some positive joint work between the Rail North Partnership team and Rail North member authorities. Potential short-term improvements on the Hope Valley route were also highlighted.

4.2 Councillor Phil Riley asked about the Calder Valley line upgrade and Jim Bamford responded by stating that this was one of the routes under examination for cost effective line speed enhancements.

4.3 The report was **noted**.

## **5. TFN LEGISLATION AND INCORPORATION OF RAIL NORTH**

5.1 Members were provided with an update on the proposed statutory status for Transport for the North (TfN) and the incorporation of Rail North Ltd. This included an update on the three main agreements required for the transfer.

5.2 The Chair commented that there was a minor change to the process insofar as DfT had now decided that Highway Authority consent was required in order to make the required regulations. This was currently being sought and was not expected to delay the process.

5.3 In response to a question, Eamon Hanlon confirmed that the drafts of the revised agreements would be shared with members.

5.4 It was resolved that:

- ) Members note the progress being made toward the establishment of TfN and incorporation of Rail North;
- ) Members note the matters listed in paragraph 3.5 (particularly items b, n-q) of this report be determined at the inaugural meeting of TfN and that Members confirm their intended representative and deputies to the Rail North Committee;
- ) Members note the progress to:
  - ❖ Redraft the rail franchising Partnership Agreement with DfT (to reflect the incorporation of Rail North into TfN and the extended remit to cover the STB's Statutory Partner role);
  - ❖ Revise the current Members Agreement (to reflect the incorporation of Rail North into TfN and the extended remit to cover the STB's Statutory Partner role) and requirement for individual Authorities to sign this Franchise Management Agreement in advance of the inauguration of the STB; and
  - ❖ Prepare a Business Transfer Agreement, to be approved by Rail North Ltd, that will enable the transfer of the Rail North business to TfN upon inauguration of the STB.
- ) That Members note the intention to seek resolution at the December meeting of Rail North Ltd to execute the above Agreements upon inauguration of the STB in April 2018.

## 6. BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET UPDATE

6.1 The Rail North Director introduced the report and highlighted the proposed approach to the Business Plan and Budget for 2018/19. The Business Plan would be integrated into TfN's business plan, but Rail North Ltd would still be required to set a budget for 2018/19.

6.2 The report was **noted**.

## 7. NEXT MEETING AND CLOSE

7.1 The next meeting of Rail North Ltd was expected to be on 7 December 2017 (a Board meeting).



There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

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Chairman