

Part B: General Meeting of Rail North Ltd.

Meeting date: 16/03/2017

Item: 13

Subject: Business Plan for 2017/18

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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To seek approval for Rail North Ltd's Business Plan and Budget for 2017/18.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. That Rail North Ltd approves the business plan and budget for 2017/18.

3. Information

- 3.1. The business plan for 2017/18 has been developed through close working with all the member authorities. Lead officers were invited to set out their authority's requirements for the business plan and several workshops were held with the Officers Steering Group. A draft business plan was presented to the Rail North Board at their meeting on 15 December 2016. At that meeting, members also agreed that a budget should be developed which included a modest uplift in Members' Contributions to support the proposed Change Programme.
 - 3.2. Since December, the business plan has been developed in more detail and further discussions have taken place with Transport for the North (TfN). Subject to final agreement, TfN should be able to provide the support and in some cases dedicated resources to support the aspirations of the business plan.
 - 3.3. Rail North's Board considered the business plan at its meeting on 16 February 2017 and recommended it to the full Rail North membership.
 - 3.4. The draft business plan will be circulated separately.
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