

Transport for the North Board Meeting – Item 7

Subject: Transport for the North Business Plan 2018/19

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1. Executive Summary:

1.1 Attached at Appendix 1 is the Transport for the North (TfN) Business Plan for 2018/19.

1.2 The Business Plan provides the basis for the 2018/19 TfN budget set out in Item 8 on the agenda.

1.3 A report and presentation setting out the key priorities of TfN for 2018/19 was made to the Partnership Board on Thursday 8 February 2018, where it was approved subject to finalisation by the Chief Executive and Chair. There had previously been business plan presentations and discussions at the December Partnership Board and the November and January Executive Boards. The document has also been reviewed and agreed with DfT, as a requirement for the release of core funding for 2018/19.

2. Issue:

2.1 A selection of highlights from the business plan are set out below:

- Establish TfN as a Sub-national Statutory Transport Body from April 2018, including the integration of Rail North, and embedding policies, systems and processes consistent with its status as a local government body;
- The publication of a Strategic Transport Plan in Autumn 2018;
- The preparation of a Strategic Outline Business Case for Northern Powerhouse Rail for submission by the end of 2018 and make recommendations regarding HS2 touch points in April / May 2018;
- Continue to work with the Department for Transport and Highways England on the three northern Strategic Road Studies: Trans Pennine Tunnel (including the Wider Transport Connectivity

Assessment); Manchester North West Quadrant; and Northern Trans Pennine Routes (A66/A685 and the A69);

- Deliver ITSO on Rail and commence procurement of the back office to support a pan-Northern Smart ticketing system; and
- Complete work on all seven Strategic Development Corridors, sufficient to inform the first published version of the long-term Investment Programme.

TfN will also undertake a Strategic Planning process that will provide the basis for its future operating model, its Medium Term Financial Strategy, its business planning for 2019/20, and also inform its engagement with the next Spending Review process.

- 2.2 The Business Plan has been iterated in line with TfN's available resources in the medium term. The proposed programme of work will ensure that TfN continues to progress the development of its key priorities.
- 2.3 The Business Plan continues to place strong emphasis on working closely with Partners and the business community to ensure that we develop strategic transport interventions that are integrated with wider plans and policies aimed improving connectivity in the North and supporting economic growth.

3. Purpose: For Approval

- 3.1 The TfN Board is asked to approve the TfN Business Plan for 2018/19.

4. Appendices:

- 4.1 Appendix 1: Draft Business Plan 2018/19.