

## Transport for the North Board

- Subject:** Transport for the North Comprehensive Spending Review Submission
- Authors:** David Hughes (Strategy and Programmes Director) and Iain Craven (Finance Director)
- Sponsor:** Barry White, (CEO)
- Meeting Date:** Thursday 17 September 2020

### 1. Purpose of the Report:

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update on the Comprehensive Spending Review Process.

### 2. Background

- 2.1 The Chancellor confirmed on 21 July that Government will hold a Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) which will conclude alongside the Autumn Budget. This will set departmental funding envelopes (three-year settlements for resource spending and four-year for capital). The deadline for representations to HM Treasury is 24 September.
- 2.2 However, as Transport for the North is funded via the Department for Transport (DfT), its core funding requirements will be subsumed into the DfT submission for CSR purposes. Accordingly, Transport for the North was required to respond in line with departmental timetables and therefore provided its initial submission to DfT on 28 August. A copy of that submission was circulated in parallel to Members, the main body of which is also appended to this paper for ease of reference.
- 2.3 The basis of TfN's 28 August CSR submission was reviewed at the August meetings of the TfN Executive Board and Scrutiny Committee (20 and 26 August respectively). As was discussed at each of these meetings, TfN's August CSR submission to DfT was focused on its 'direct funding ask' – i.e. the funding that TfN requires to discharge its statutory duties, comply with its contractual obligations with DfT in relation to operational rail, and fund the NPR and IST Programmes.
- 2.4 The August submission to DfT flagged £2m of transition funding to advance the proposals in the Northern Transport Charter (NTC) but did not address the wider programme funding requirements that could arise from the NTC proposals. Rather, the intent in framing this initial

28 August CSR submission was that these broader issues would in the first instance be discussed directly with the Department in a meeting between a TfN Board delegation and the Secretary of State, the overall intent of which would be to clarify the role of the Northern Transport Acceleration Council, and any potential implications this may have for the future role and remit of TfN. The meeting with the Secretary of State is scheduled for 15 September. The outcome of the meeting will be reported to the September meeting of the TfN Board.

- 2.5 The August submission to DfT didn't reiterate the proposed investment projects for the Economic Recovery Plan, which have already been submitted to DfT, nor did it restate the overall funding envelope for the Northern Powerhouse Rail Programme which will be included as part of the forthcoming strategic outline case.

### **3. Recommendation:**

#### 3.1 That the Board:

- 1) Note TfN's 28 August CSR submission to the Department for Transport; and
- 2) Note the forthcoming deadline of 24 September for submissions to HM Treasury.

**List of Background Documents:**

None

**Equalities:**

Age	Yes	<b>No</b>
Disability	Yes	<b>No</b>
Gender Reassignment	Yes	<b>No</b>
Pregnancy and Maternity	Yes	<b>No</b>
Race	Yes	<b>No</b>
Religion or Belief	Yes	<b>No</b>
Sex	Yes	<b>No</b>
Sexual Orientation	Yes	<b>No</b>

<b>Consideration</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Director</b>
Equalities	A full Impact assessment has not been carried out because it is not considered necessary for this report.		David Hughes

**Environment and Sustainability**

Yes	<b>No</b>
-----	-----------

<b>Consideration</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Director</b>
Sustainability / Environment – including considerations regarding Active Travel and Wellbeing	This has not been carried out as it is not necessary for this report		David Hughes

**Legal**

Yes	<b>No</b>
-----	-----------

<b>Consideration</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Director</b>
Legal	The sub-National Transport Body (Transport for the North) Regulations 2018	Julie Openshaw	Dawn Madin

	set out the duties and functions of Transport for the North including within Regulation 5(e) the function to make representations to the Secretary of State regarding its role and functions.		
--	---	--	--

### Finance

<b>Yes</b>	No
------------	----

<b>Consideration</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Director</b>
Finance	The financial implications have been considered and are included in the report.	Paul Kelly	Iain Craven

### Resource

<b>Yes</b>	No
------------	----

<b>Consideration</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Director</b>
Resource	The headcount requirement will be defined through the forthcoming business planning process/cycle. The annual business plan which includes the associated resource plan is agreed annually through the TfN board.	Stephen Hipwell	Dawn Madin

### Risk

Yes	<b>No</b>
-----	-----------

<b>Consideration</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Director</b>
Risk	A risk assessment has not been carried out as	Haddy Njie	Iain Craven

	it is not deemed necessary for this report		
--	--	--	--

### Consultation

Yes	<b>No</b>
-----	-----------

<b>Consideration</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Director</b>
Consultation	A consultation has not been carried out because it is not necessary for this report.		Iain Craven