

Transport for the North

Rail North – Strategic Rail Director Consultation Call

Subject: Business Planning and Commissioning: Forward Plan

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Meeting Date: Wednesday 23 June 2021

1. Purpose of the Report:

- 1.1 This report provides an update on business plan delivery and commissioning for the Transport for the North Strategic Rail team.
- 1.2 The report also sets out an updated forward plan for future Rail North Committee meetings.

2. Executive Summary:

- 2.1 Transport for the North's Strategic Rail Business Plan has made a good start to the delivery of its commitments for the financial year 2021/2022. To support the delivery of key milestones over the coming the team has commenced the procurement of a number of key consultants that will be expected to be on board through the summer.
- 2.2 The forward plan identifies key discussions and decisions that will be brought before Committee in the forthcoming year.

3. Business Planning and Commissioning:

- 3.1 There are a number of key workstreams that Transport for the North are currently prioritising in line with the Business Plan.

- 3.2 [Response to the Williams-Shapps review](#)

Work has been ongoing in to prepare for the publication of the White Paper. Transport for the North is now preparing a response to submit back to government that will be shared with members in advance.

3.3 Central Manchester Infrastructure and Service Changes

Transport for the North is arranging a number of 'hothouse' sessions to work collaboratively with the DfT to prepare a package of infrastructure solutions for the Central Manchester area. These sessions will continue into the summer.

3.4 ECML May 2022 Consultation

Transport for the North has worked with the Rail North Partnership team and the DfT to represent members' interests for the changes that are being proposed on the ECML given the impacts on local connectivity. Working alongside colleagues in the North East, proposals for the further development of regional services will be assessed.

3.5 Other activities

Transport for the North is also making good progress on the Journey Time improvement workstream, the reliability workstream, input to Tranpennine Route Upgrade and work on delivery plans

4. Recommendation:

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to note the progress in the business plan milestones and key workstreams.
- 4.2 The Committee is also asked to review the forward plan and suggest any additional discussion items or decisions that they would like to be brought before future Committees.

6. Appendices:

- 6.1 Appendix 1 – Forward Plan

Rail North Committee Forward Plan 2021



Required Considerations

Equalities:

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

Consideration	Comment	Responsible Officer	Director
Equalities	A full Impact assessment has not been carried out at this stage as this is an update report.	Salim Patel	David Hoggarth

Environment and Sustainability

Yes	No
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Consideration	Comment	Responsible Officer	Director
Sustainability / Environment – including considerations regarding Active Travel and Wellbeing	A full impact assessment has not been carried out because this will be completed as part of the delivery of the business plan.	Salim Patel	David Hoggarth

Legal

Yes	No
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Consideration	Comment	Responsible Officer	Director
Legal	The Transport for the North Legal Team has	Julie Openshaw	Dawn Madin

	confirmed there are no legal implications.		
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Finance

Yes	No
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Consideration	Comment	Responsible Officer	Director
Finance	There are no financial considerations in this report.	Paul Kelly	Iain Craven

Resource

Yes	No
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Consideration	Comment	Responsible Officer	Director
Resource	There no direct resource implications as a result of this report.	Stephen Hipwell	Dawn Madin

Risk

Yes	No
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Consideration	Comment	Responsible Officer	Director
Risk	This paper does not require a risk assessment. However, internal and external risks have been assessed in the business plan.	Haddy Njie	Iain Craven

Consultation

Yes	No
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Consideration	Comment	Responsible Officer	Director
Consultation	The Business Plan and Budget has been developed in consultation with Transport for the North members and has been approved at Transport for the North Board.	Salim Patel	David Hoggarth