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**Meeting:** Transport for the North Board

**Subject:** Spending Review 2021

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**1. Purpose of the Report:**

- 1.1 Spending Review 2021 (SR21) was announced by the Chancellor on 7 September. SR21 will set departmental Resource and Capital DEL budgets from 2022-23 to 2024-25 and will conclude alongside an Autumn Budget on 27 October 2021.
- 1.2 As in previous years, TfN will be required to submit a bid for funding and the organisation's funding allocation for the next financial year and subsequent financial years will continue be determined by DfT. This therefore means that TfN is required to align its processes with departmental timelines and requirements.
- 1.3 The deadline for departmental submissions to HMT was 13 September. The Chancellor's letter set out the basis upon which SR21 would be undertaken:
- [CX LETTER TO ALL SECRETARIES OF STATE 070921.pdf \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)
- 1.4 The SR21 update report provided to the Board on 27 July indicated that TfN had already commenced preparatory work in relation to the spending review. TfN was therefore able to quickly provide the department with a submission in line with the parameters set out in this letter.

**2. Executive Summary:**

- 2.1 TfN's initial SR21 submission is included as Appendix 1. There will be further opportunities to engage with government in advance of the 27 October deadline.
- 2.2 The SR21 submission was discussed at Scrutiny Committee on 9 September. The points raised at the committee have been considered by officers and where appropriate the report has been amended.

2.3 SR21 is an ongoing process. A verbal update on the engagement that is being undertaken with the department will be provided by the Chief Executive at the Board meeting on 29 September.

### **3. Recommendation:**

3.1 That members note the SR21 submission provided to DfT in advance of the 13 September deadline and provide comments regarding the substance of the submission.

### **4. Corporate Considerations:**

#### **4.1 *Financial and Resource Implications***

The Finance Team has reviewed this report and confirmed that the financial implications are included within the report.

The resource considerations are where applicable included within the report.

#### **4.2 *Legal Implications***

Legal implications are covered within the report.

#### **4.3 *Risk Management and Key Issues***

A full corporate risk assessment activity took place which can be found in Item 10.1.

#### **4.4 *Environmental Implications***

A full impact assessment has not been carried out because it is not required for this report.

#### **4.5 *Equality and Diversity***

A full impact assessment has not been carried out because it is not required for this report.

#### **4.6 *Consultations***

A consultation has not been carried out because it is not required for this report.

### **5. Background Papers**

5.1 Item 6 (Spending Review Planning) – TfN Board Pack 27 July 2021.

### **6. Appendices:**

6.1 Item 7.1 – Appendix 1 – TfN SR21 Submission to DfT