
Meeting: Rail North Committee
Subject: Appointment of Chair and Vice Chairs of Rail North Committee
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1. Purpose of the Report:

1.1 To appoint a Chair and one or two Vice Chairs of Rail North Committee.

2. Recommendations:

2.1 That Rail North Committee receives nominations for the roles of Chair and Vice Chair(s) respectively and selects a member to undertake each role.

3. Main Issues:

3.1 Councillor Liam Robinson chaired the Rail North Committee for a considerable period of time, with his resignation from his position with Transport for the North, Rail North Committee needs to select a new Chair and consider Vice Chair arrangements.

3.2 Historically, Transport for the North's Constitution has not made reference to the Chairship of Rail North Committee, nor has there been a Vice Chair, though the Constitution does make provision for the Chairship of Board and other committees. Rail North Committee is nonetheless permitted to elect a Chair and Vice Chair, and with the resignation of the previous Chair, clearly an alternative Member needs to be elected to this role. It would be advisable to also have Vice Chair arrangements in place. Rail North Committee is able to select its own Chair. Rail North Committee may also choose to appoint a Vice Chair, or, if preferred, a Majority Vice Chair and a Minority Vice Chair, similar to the arrangement with Transport for the North Board.

4. Corporate Considerations

Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications.

Resource Implications

4.2 There are no resource implications.

Legal Implications

4.3 Legal implications are covered within the report.

Risk Management and Key Issues

4.4 There are no risk management issues.

Environmental Implications

4.5 There are no environmental implications.

Equality and Diversity

4.6 There are no equality and diversity issues.

Consultations

5. Background Papers

5.1 None.

6. Appendices

6.1 None.

Glossary of terms, abbreviations and acronyms used

None.
