

Appendix 4 - Summary of existing TfN powers

The TfN Board already has the following powers devolved to it by national government:

General Powers:

- Preparation of a Strategic Transport Plan
- Preparation of Statutory advice to Secretary of State on all transport functions* in the TfN boundary
- Co-ordinating transport functions exercisable by Constituent Authorities to improve effectiveness and efficiency
- Hosting of transport functions by TfN if transport functions more effectively and efficiently carried out by TfN
- Make proposals to SofS about the role and function of TfN

*transport functions are any functions exercisable by its constituent authorities

Other Powers:

- Power to grant fund capital monies without Treasury Approval**
- Powers to deliver schemes needed for integrated ticketing schemes across local authority borders at a regional level
- Consultation on train franchise agreements within the North and to manage such franchise agreements
- Exercising of various highway related functions concurrently with local authorities and jointly with the Secretary of State, namely the construction of new highways

**where there is an approved Northern budget

Rail North Partnership – contractual opportunities

As co-client (with DfT) through the Rail North Agreement, the TfN Board has the following contractual rights:

Franchise Output Adjustments - make amendments to train service requirements by adding or reducing services on basis it is self-funding or that TfN will fund any additional cost

Fares Baskets - right to alter fare prices.

Any financial benefits derived would go to TfN and monies would be used to improve the service provision.

Fares Flex - TfN has flexibility to vary regulated fares in the North of England and any increase in revenue could be used for reinvestment in the North. Any additional costs in altering fares would have to be funded as well.

Further Devolution - TfN has the right to seek further devolution of the Northern and Transpennine rail contracts such as:

- Train Service Requirement
- Changes and deployment of Trains
- Fares and ticketing
- Performance management
- Station facilities

In consideration of further devolution, constituent authorities would have to consider the financial capacity of TfN to bear additional risk taking into account any arrangements proposed with TfN Parties or other parties to manage such risk.