Transport for the North
Rail North Committee
Consultation Call Agenda

Date of Meeting	**Tuesday 17 February 2026**
Time of Meeting	**11.00 am**
Venue	**Virtual**

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1.0	**Welcome and Apologies** The Chair to welcome Members and the public to the meeting. **Lead:** Chair	
2.0	**Declarations of Interest** Members are required to declare any personal, prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interest they may have relating to items on the agenda and state the nature of such interest.	
3.0	**Minutes of the Previous Meeting** To consider the approval and signature of the minutes of the previous meeting as a correct record and to consider any requests for updates on matters contained therein. Minutes to follow	
4.0	**Rail North Partnership Operational Update** To receive an update on operational rail matters including performance. **Lead:** Gary Bogan	5 - 18
5.0	**Network Resilience** To receive presentations from Network Rail on network resilience. **Lead:** Charlie French Report to follow	
6.0	**Infrastructure Update** To consider an update on rail infrastructure investment.	

	Lead: Charlie French Report to follow	
7.0	**Rail Freight Investment** To consider priorities to support the growth of rail freight. **Lead:** David Hoggarth	19 - 30
8.0	**Rail North Financial Contributions 2026/27** To consider a proposal for the Rail North financial contributions for 2026/27. **Lead:** Katie Day/David Hoggarth	31 - 34
9.0	**Date and time of next meeting** The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 09 June at 11am, GMCA Boardroom, Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Broadhurst House, 1st Floor, 56 Oxford Street, Manchester, M1 6EU.	
10.0	**Exclusion of the Press and Public** The reports relating to the remaining items on the agenda have been withheld from public circulation and deposit pursuant to Section 100(B)(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended on the grounds that the matters may be determined with the press and public excluded. The Committee may decide that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items pursuant to Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and public interest would not be served in publishing the information.	
11.0	**Rail Reform - Next Steps** To consider an initial proposition for rail reform in the North. **Lead:** Katie Day/David Hoggarth	35 - 38