

ACoRP welcomes Northern and TransPennine franchise awards

ACoRP welcomed the announcement of the new Operators of the Northern and TransPennine franchise this morning.

"The Arriva bid has some very strong commitments to community rail" said Neil Buxton, ACoRP's General Manager. "This underlines government's belief in community rail as a way of revitalising local lines and services. There are some very exciting opportunities for the sector in the coming years and ACoRP are looking forward to working with Arriva on developing their plans for Northern" he added.

Arriva have also committed to the replacement of Northern's Pacer fleet and service improvements to many of ACoRP's community rail lines.

Commenting on First Group's retention of the TransPennine franchise, Neil Buxton said "First have been very supportive of community rail and we've had a good working relationship with them. We look forward to continuing and strengthening this relationship in the new franchise."