

FRANCHISE ANNOUNCEMENTS

C4. Leaders briefing note

Rail North's vision

To create a world-class railway for the whole of the North, recognised by passengers and businesses as serving their needs, supports economic growth and is both more effective and more efficient.

Headlines

- The new franchises represent a £1.2bn of investment across the North.
- More than 500 brand new carriages will be introduced.
- 2,000 extra train services per week, including 400 on Sundays.
- All pacer trains going by 2020, other trains that are not brand new will be refurbished.
- Space for an extra 40,000 passengers at the busiest times
- Massive capacity uplift (37% on Northern and 66% on TPE in the morning peak by 2019) into the largest cities to combat crowding and provide for future growth.
- More than £55m investment in stations
- Additional, secure funding for Community Rail Partnerships.
- The Northern franchise will run for 9 years with the potential for a one year extension.
- The TransPennine franchise will run for 7 years with a possible two year extension.

Key messages for Rail North

- Rail North is a partnership of 29 local authorities working across the North for the benefit for passengers and businesses, making the case on behalf of the north.
- We have successfully argued for transformational growth franchises to support the economic ambitions of the North.
- Today's announcement sets the stage for a radical transformation of services, rolling stock, capacity and stations.
- We will be working in a unique partnership with the DfT to manage these franchises from the North, for the benefit of the North.
- This provides us with a strong platform for further ambitious developments as set out in our Long Term Rail Strategy.

- Rail North, working with Transport for the North, is ambitious to go much further and support the economic development of the north.

Key facts and figures

- The two franchises serve a population of 15 million.
- The North contributes £290bn per year to the UK's economy.
- There are over 500 stations in the area (524 served by either franchise).
- Over 100 million passenger journeys per year (90 million Northern, 25 million TPE) are currently made.