

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting9th October 2014

1. Title of Item/Report

Rail Devolution & rail North : Influencing the Future of Northern and TransPennine Services

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that provided an update on rail devolution in the North of England, provided background information on Rail North, set out the proposed governance arrangements for Rail North Ltd and the Association of Rail North Partner Authorities, and seeks the approval of Cabinet for the Council to become a member of both bodies. A copy of the Rail North Voting Matrix was attached to the report.

With regard to the next steps Officers be authorised to take the necessary steps when appropriate for the Council to become a member of these bodies then appropriate steps would be taken to ensure that this happens as quickly as possible. Tees Valley representation would also be finalised. A copy of the Rail North Voting Matrix was attached to the report.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The proposed governance arrangements for Rail North Ltd (RNL) and the Association of Rail North Partner Authorities ("The Association") be noted and it be agreed in principle that the Council should become a member of both bodies. The Leader will sit as a representative on the Association.

2. The Head of Technical Services be authorised in consultation with the Leader to make the appropriate arrangements to enable the Council to be admitted to membership, by entering into the RNL Members Agreement.

3. It be noted that a representative of the Tees Valley Local Authorities will be appointed to the Leaders' Committee (currently known as the Leaders' Forum) and will become a Director of RNL.

4. A further report be presented to Cabinet when the Heads of Terms

for the DFT/RNL Partnership are finalised.

3. Reasons for the Decision

The programme of rail devolution affects all Local Authorities across the north of England and engagement in the North East is under the ANEC architecture. The establishment of RNL and the Association presents an opportunity to influence the provision of rail services and associated infrastructure in the future.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight on Friday, 17th October 2014

Proper Officer
13 October 2014