

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting12th November 2015

1. Title of Item/Report

Rail Devolution & Rail North : influencing the future of Northern and TransPennine rail services - update

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on the progress made in improving vital local rail services. Through membership of Rail North, Stockton Borough Council had helped to secure significant investment in the next Northern Rail franchise, including a requirement for the creation of a specific North East management unit. It was proposed that Stockton Borough Council, alongside its regional neighbours in the Tees Valley and North East Combined Authority, collaborate formally to create a local franchise management body. This body, the 'North East Rail Management Unit', would be nested within the wider Rail North/DfT Partnership structure. Through this vehicle, the region can lay the groundwork for continued local rail improvements and alignment with wider local transport policy.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The proposed arrangements for a North East Rail Management Unit ("NERMU"), to be nested within the wider Partnership arrangements between Rail North and the Department for Transport be noted.
2. Appropriate arrangements be authorised to enable Stockton Borough Council to enter into the Collaboration Agreement, appended to the report, which defines the NERMU governance and operational structure.
3. Councillor Bill Dixon be appointed from Darlington Borough Council to represent the Tees Valley Authorities on the NERMU Board.

3. Reasons for the Decision

Rail North presents an opportunity to influence the provision of rail services and associated infrastructure in the future. This update gives

details of the current position with respect of the mobilisation of the organisation and arrangements for the Management Unit.

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 20th November 2015

Proper Officer
16 November 2015