

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

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The Transport for the North Partnership Board is a partnership made up of all the Local Transport Authorities and Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) across the North of England meeting together with representatives of the Department for Transport, Highways England, Network Rail and HS2 Limited aimed at developing an ambitious, transformational pan-northern transport strategy and delivering transport improvements that will drive economic growth in the region.

Membership

- a) The Independent Chair;
- b) The Member or Substitute Member of Transport for the North of each of the Constituent Authorities;
- c) The Co-opted Member or Substitute Co-opted Member of Transport for the North of each of the Rail North Authorities;
- d) A nominated representative from each of the 11 Northern LEPs; the person appointed should not be an elected Member of any UK Local Authority;
- e) A representative from the Department for Transport;
- f) Representatives from Highways England, Network Rail and HS2 Limited; and the Transport for the North Chief Executive.

Role

The role of the Partnership Board is:

- a) To contribute to Transport for the North's effective exercise of its powers and the development and delivery of its strategy and programmes.
- b) To advise on the strategic direction, policies and priorities of Transport for the North, emerging regional transport issues and the extent to which current and proposed transport infrastructure meets the requirements of the Northern economy, industry and the wider community.
- c) To provide a forum for an exchange of views and information in relation to strategic or policy matters;
- d) To represent to Transport for the North the wider interests of the business community;
- e) To advise Transport for the North on policies and priorities relating to transport and the effect of transport on the economy of the area of Transport for the North;
- f) To advise Transport for the North on all matters relating to transport to, from and within the area of Transport for the North;
- g) To advise on the development of the Strategic Transport Plan;
- h) To recommend to Transport for the North the adoption of the Strategic Transport Plan;
- i) To advise Transport for the North on the delivery of the proposals set out in the Strategic Transport Plan;
- j) To be consulted on content of the Transport for the North Business Plan, activity plans with significant expenditure implications and the initiation and submission of business cases.

Meetings

- a) The Partnership Board shall meet quarterly or at such intervals as the Partnership Board shall determine;
- b) The Partnership Board shall be chaired by an Independent Chair appointed by Transport for the North;
- c) The person appointed shall not be, or have previously within the last 5 years been, an elected Member of any Local Authority within the Transport for the North area;
- d) A meeting of the Partnership Board shall be quorate if not less than 10 Members of Transport for the North, 3 Co-opted Members representing Rail North Authorities, and 5 representatives of the LEPs are present; attendance shall be in person;
- e) Decisions are expected to be made unanimously and without a vote. Where a unanimous decision cannot be reached a vote will be taken on the basis of one member one vote and a decision will be passed by a simple majority of those present and voting.