



## Strategic Transport Leadership Board

February 2022: Update on Actions

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From December 2021 Strategic Transport Leadership Board		
<p><b>Public Questions</b></p> <p>NG requested that AF email her the list of links mentioned to share with Network Rail for discussion.</p>	Ongoing	Naomi Green is following up with Alan Francis over his list of priorities for follow up with Network Rail.
<p><b>Spending Review – Implications</b></p> <p>The meeting agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) continue to press for investment in the region, for the benefit of local communities and businesses, and the UK as a whole</li> <li>b) press for clearer, single pots of transport investment that can be better prioritised and planned at the local and regional level</li> <li>c) refresh the investment pipeline to capture outputs from connectivity studies and thematic work</li> </ul>	<p>Agenda Item</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>A draft paper setting out the need for continued investment in the region is included in Agenda Item 3.</p> <p>Further work on securing investment opportunities continues at Officer level</p>

<p><b>Rail Investment Priorities</b></p> <p><b>The meeting agreed to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) part-fund work to create an evidence-based, regionally-led strategic narrative for East West Rail</li> <li>b) send a letter to the Secretary of State for Transport, subject to amendments, confirming the region's full support for East West Rail</li> <li>c) note the need to continue to press more broadly for rail investment in the region, particularly preparing for Great British Railway's expected call for evidence on a 30-year plan for rail</li> </ul>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Agenda Item</p>	<p>EEH is in the process of commissioning the study.</p> <p>A letter was sent to the Secretary of State for Transport in December 2021, following agreement by Board members.</p> <p>Great British Railways Transition Team are attending the meeting and providing a presentation.</p>
<p><b>EEH Business Plan</b></p> <p>The meeting agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the proposal to develop a three-year business plan for England's Economic Heartland for the period 2022-2025, subject to confirmation of funding from DfT</li> <li>b) the future business of EEH to be taken forward with three equal priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) To bring forward infrastructure priorities into investable propositions</li> <li>ii) To support a regional centre of excellence, providing capacity and capability for partner authorities</li> <li>iii) To continue to develop programmes of work that support delivery of the regional transport strategy</li> </ul> </li> <li>c) Provide a steer on any other areas of work that should be included offline</li> <li>d) Note the likely increase in partner contributions to EEH, in line with inflation</li> </ul>	<p>Agenda Item</p>	<p>The EEH Business Plan is set out in Agenda Item 5</p>