

This timely conference brings together a wealth of expertise to examine the prospects for devolving rail responsibilities to local authorities and PTEs

Devolving Rail to the Regions

17 May 2012

Manchester Town Hall

**Implications and opportunities for rail,
investing and the regions**

- Learn about the DfT's 5 proposed consultation options
- Discuss the opportunities for improving integration, planning, management and value for money
- Debate the pros and cons of devolved operations and partnerships
- Discuss the barriers to rail devolution and consider how they can be overcome ...and much more

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Conference programme

09.00	Registration. Tea & coffee	12.40	Lunch
09.30	Introduction and welcome from chair <i>Andrew Fender, Chair, Transport for Greater Manchester Committee</i>	13.40	Has Regionalisation Worked? European comparisons
09.40	Implications and opportunities for rail, investing and the regions		The European perspective: How Sweden lead the way <i>Ingemar Lundin, former Director of Jonkoping Transport Authority, Sweden</i>
	The railways, passenger and forward investing <i>Richard Batty, Director, Head of Surface Transport, Leigh Fisher</i>		Regionalisation in Germany: a success story <i>Roger Cobbe, Policy Director, Arriva Trains</i>
	Opportunities for Regional Economic Development <i>Ed Cox, Director, IPPR North, and Northern Economic Futures Commission Deputy Chair, IPPR</i>		Devolution, Dutch-style: Abellio <i>Anton Valk, Non-executive Chairman, Abellio UK</i>
10.00	Questions & answers	14.40	Questions and answers
10.30	Rail devolution: The Government's Command Paper <i>Norman Baker, Transport Minister</i>	15.00	Tea & coffee
10.55	Tea & coffee	15.20	Next Steps for UK's rail devolution revolution Chair: <i>Prof. Paul Salveson, The University of Huddersfield/ New Transit</i>
11.05	How far can we devolve? The Greater Manchester vision <i>Stephen Clark, Rail Programme Director, Transport for Greater Manchester</i>		<i>Jonathan Bray, Director, PTEG</i>
			<i>Nick Maltby, Partner, Bircham Dyson Bell</i>
11.25	Rail devolution in Wales and Scotland. What has been delivered? <i>Frances Duffy, Director of Transport, Welsh Government</i>		<i>Frank Roach, Partnership Manager, HITRANS</i>
11.55	The shire county perspective: <i>John Kitchen, Rail Officer, Cumbria County Council</i>	16.10	Questions & answers
	<i>Richard Burningham, Manager, Devon and Cornwall Rail Partnership</i>	16.30	Summing-up and Close
12.20	Questions & answers		

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17 May 2012, Manchester Town Hall, Manchester

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Who should attend?

- Integrated Transport Authorities
- Local authorities, local enterprise partnerships
- Transport consultants
- Passenger franchise and open access operators
- Transport and planning lawyers
- DfT, DCLG, The Treasury, Welsh Assembly and the Scottish Government
- Network Rail, ORR, RSSB
- Rail infrastructure suppliers, contractors and manufacturers
- Rolling stock leasing companies and manufacturers
- Civil engineers
- Property developers and retailers
- Railways trade unions
- Investors, private equity companies and infrastructure funders

Benefits of attending

- Learn about the DfT's proposal and five consultation options for rail devolution
- Explore what real difference devolution might bring to local rail and how the benefits can be captured for communities and economies
- Find out which functions will remain 'national' and how they relate to the regions
- Examine how devolution will affect passengers
- Discuss the opportunities for improving integration, planning, management and value for money
- Learn from European experience
- Hear what devolved rail powers have meant for Scotland and Wales
- Debate the benefits and disbenefits of devolved operations and partnerships
- Discuss the barriers to rail devolution and consider how they can be overcome



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The Department for Transport has published a consultation paper on devolving responsibilities for passenger rail services to Passenger Transport Executives and local authorities in England. Devolution of rail potentially heralds the most significant change to the railways since privatisation.

The potential and challenges are enormous. Railway use is booming and rising petrol costs together with more sophisticated ticketing are set to drive further growth. To sustain this trend and potentially transform delivery, local vision, leadership and creativity will be required. Rail devolution promises new opportunities to deliver a more responsive, more integrated railway. The challenge is how best do we unlock these benefits for passengers, communities and their economies.

The DfT is consulting on five options for devolving rail powers:

- What are the pros and cons of these options?
- What governance structure will work for the various partners involved?
- How will the interests of local authorities not participating be protected?

The views of PTEs, local authorities and train operators will be balanced by independent expert viewpoints. Join us at the vanguard of this crucial discussion.

Manchester Town Hall

This event is held in Manchester Town Hall, one of the most iconic landmarks in the city. Situated on Albert Square, the Town Hall was opened in 1877.

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