



**RAIL**  
**NORTH**



# The North of England Electrification Task Force

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# Background



# Why a Task Force?

- Announced by the Secretary of State in December 2013
- An Independent view from the North
- To establish priorities for future electrification
- To inform Network Rail planning processes
- To assist the DfT in formulating the next HLOS

# Who was involved?

- MP-led chaired by Andrew Jones
- Two Rail North Council Leaders selected
- Substantial DfT and Network Rail involvement
- Rail North facilitation
- Substantial Industry Input
- Detailed technical support from SYSTRA



# Structure

- North of England Electrification Task Force
- Steering Group
- Rail North Stakeholder Working Group
- Project Management

Process



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# The Task Force

- Four meetings held summer 2014 – January 2015
- Venues Great Minister House and the House of Commons
- Clear steer and feedback to SWG
- Economy, Economy, Economy
- Art versus science

# The Steering Group

- Fortnightly meetings held summer 2014 – February 2015
- Venues Great Minister House and TfGM
- Acted as a filter to the SWG and RUS refresh team
- Consensus forum

# The Rail North Stakeholder Working Group

- Seven meetings held summer 2014 – January 2015
- Rail industry / LTA venues across the North
- Substantial CA / LTA involvement
- DfT and Network Rail input
- TPE / Northern Rail / Freightliner
- SYSTRA



# Key Criteria

- Economic Benefits
- Impact on services
- Capacity

# Research

- Relevant plans and studies
- Rail North model
- Network Rail data

# Ranking

- Routes assessed and ranked
- Thirty two schemes identified and scored
- Three 'Tiers' proposed for investment

Process



# Handover and publication

- Secretary of State requested a handover meeting
- Held at Sheffield Railway Station on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March
- DfT response
- Documentation hosted on the Rail North website
- Substantial and favourable coverage and support



# Next steps



# Northern Sparks the way ahead

- Network Rail Electrification RUS refresh consultation
- Reconvened Task Force?
- IIP / HLOS
- Rail North Investment planning

Thank-you  
Any questions?