



### **3 Point Plan Task and Finish Group**

#### **Terms of Reference**

## **1 Objectives and Scope**

- 1.1 The Peninsula Rail Task Force will identify and recommend to Government the strategic priorities for rail on the South West Peninsula of England (Devon, Cornwall, Somerset, Plymouth and Torbay) for the period up until 2034 (the end of Railway funding Control Period 8).
- 1.2 The 3 point plan group is a time limited task and finish group which has been commissioned by the Peninsula Rail Task Force and the Department for Transport to provide the analysis, business case development and technical assessment work for all elements of the three point plan not currently being delivered by Network Rail/DfT.
- 1.3 The group will prepare a report which will include proposals to improve the Exeter to Salisbury line and proposals for additional routes to the current mainline route via Dawlish including a route via the north side of Dartmoor through Okehampton.
- 1.4 It will take account of all relevant factors including-
  - local and regional strategic economic development plans;
  - local and regional transport and rail development plans;
  - ongoing development of the rail industry national Electrification Strategy (Electrification RUS), led by Network Rail, and other rail industry plans and strategies;
  - ongoing development of the Western and Wessex Route studies led by Network Rail, and other rail industry plans and strategies;
  - the development and delivery of relevant committed rail schemes for the region contained within Network Rail's national Delivery Plan for the period to 2019;
  - the DfT passenger franchising programme and plans for decentralisation of decision-making on rail service provision to local and regional bodies;
  - the business case for and level of development of individual proposals;
  - the availability of funding for both capital works and operational subsidies – including local authority / LEP, European and private sector funding;
  - efficient electrification delivery, supply chain resource availability and synergies with other rail and transport projects;
  - availability of rolling stock and the redeployment / disposal of diesel rolling stock;
  - the interdependence of service planning and the impact of making changes.

## **2 Area Coverage**

- 2.1 This includes all railway lines in the area that includes Devon, Cornwall, Somerset and the unitary authorities of Torbay and Plymouth. PRTF is also working with Dorset and Wiltshire on the investment needs of the Waterloo line between Yeovil and Salisbury.



### **3 PRTF Key Themes**

3.1 The PRTF 3 point Plan includes three key themes forming the rationale for further investment:

- Route resilience and reliability
- Journey times and connectivity – upgrading performance
- Route capacity and journey quality – meeting passenger expectations

### **4 Role**

4.1 The Task and Finish Group will –

- Produce the interim and final report for sign off by the Peninsula Rail Task Force;
- Develop selection and procurement process for external assistance where required.

4.2 Manage the following work streams –

- 20 Year Plan
- CP6
- Economic Case
- Northern Route
- East of Exeter Resilience
- Dawlish Avoiding Line
- Electrification

### **5 Timescales**

5.1 A 20 year vision document will be produced for Summer 2015 setting out the long term rail strategy for the Peninsula with the sequence of work required to feed into rail industry processes for CP6, CP7 and CP8.

5.2 The 20 Year vision for railways serving the SW Peninsula will be an expansion of the 3 Point Plan Matrix setting out against each point-

- the state of decision making and/ or progress,
- the lead organisation,
- funding sources,
- timelines
- studies/ work streams needed to complete the final Workshop report.

The 20 Year Plan will be submitted to DfT and NR in the Working group in summer



2015.

- 5.3 The Task and Finish Group will deliver findings and recommendations in a report to the PRTF Board for sign off before submission to the Secretary of State by summer 2016. This process will provide an opportunity to inform the rail industry's Initial Industry Plan for September 2016 ready for consideration for CP6 investments.

## **6 Membership**

- 6.1 The membership of the Task and Finish Group will comprise of –
- Officers representing local transport authorities (Constituent local authorities of the PRTF)
  - Department of Transport and Network Rail representatives (in an advisory capacity)

## **7 Stakeholders**

- 7.1 The PRTF will create a stakeholder group to ensure that the wider views of the business, community and visitor economy are taken into account.
- 7.2 The Task and Finish group will take into account the views of stakeholders when preparing the final reports.

## **8 Communications**

- 8.1 PRTF will be responsible for organising all communications and publications regarding the progress and conduct of this groups work.