



ECMA CONSORTIUM MEETING
 1:30PM THURSDAY 11 JULY 2019

Please refer to the agenda notes from the recent ECMA meeting, attended by Councillor Gordon Edgar and Jim Grieve.

ITEM.	
2.	Appointment of new Chair and Vice Chairs
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As the new leader of City of York Council, Councillor Keith Aspden was automatically appointed as Chair. • Cllr Gordon Edgar was re-appointed as Vice Chair for Scotland.
3.	Consortium Terms of Reference
	Approved
4.	Previous meeting notes
	Approved
5.	LNER Update
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 Azuma sets now in service • 65 sets, in total, to be introduced • Introduced at a rate of 1/week, on average • September: 2 more sets to Edinburgh • December: Complete Edinburgh services • Azumas are faster so time savings on the cards • December 2021: New timetable for ECML plus connections and this will be shared in early 2020 • E.g., A 4-hour journey from Edinburgh to London is an aspiration • (Biggest timetable changes in 30 years.) • HSTs to be retired this year. • Azuma fleet is/will be 75%electric and 25% bi-mode.
5.	Network Rail Update
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study currently underway which is looking decades into the future • Lasting 6 months it will also look at HS2 implications and requirements for interventions on the existing line. • Defined Geography is up to Newcastle, but it will also look up to

	<p>the Scottish border</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking at “whole” railway requirements • Ready to integrate but not at expense of local areas • Found to-date: established train service numbers are not compatible with capability. • Study will provide an evidence base for submission to government • Big changes necessary in York • NPR also allowed for and TfN involved • Liaison with Transport Scotland taking place to avoid any undermining.
6.	Future Engineering Works on ECML
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing problems around Grantham and Doncaster station with overhead lines (suggestion that poles are too far apart) • Need to “get on top of” maintenance
7 & 8.	Comms, Recent developments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Systra work to be made lay-person friendly and given a joint launch (England & Scotland) • (JG suggested that a copy of the Systra document be passed to Scotland’s Infrastructure Commission – agreed) • Comms Plan to go to Consortium meeting in September.
9.	AOB
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested prioritised investment in specific schemes has been avoided so far in the lobbying process but when asking for funding then the question of what the priorities for funding are, it is inevitable that a list will be required. • It is proposed that a sifting process, managed by an external body, be initiated. • Need to consult Scottish RTPs and Transport Scotland. • Extra Officers’ meeting to be convened, to discuss, in August.