



Council	Tuesday, 05 September 2017	Matter for Decision
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Title: **East Midlands Rail Franchise Public Consultation (July 2017)**

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1. Introduction

This report concerns the East Midlands Rail Franchise (EMRF) Public Consultation document, which sets out proposals to improve the train services on the East Midlands rail network. A new contract is to be let for the right to run the East Midlands services and a public consultation is being undertaken as part of this process.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. That the following comments be forwarded to the EMRF Consultation Coordinator:

"An improved frequency of service between Birmingham, South Wigston and Leicester, in order to improve the job prospects for the residents of this Borough, should be included within the Stakeholder Briefing document."

2.2. That the overall aspirations and content of this document be welcomed.

3. Information

3.1. The East Midlands franchise serves the heart of England linking cities including Sheffield, Nottingham, Leicester, Lincoln and Derby and from these there is a network of long distance and local trains.

3.2. The document sets out the aims for improving train services and seeks views on these aims and the options for improving services. In particular it sets out a vision for the future as follows:

- Continuing to deliver a steady programme of improvements and enhancements;
- Integrated planning to deliver an improved passenger service to keep track and signals running well;
- Looking at ways of running more trains to more places and making journeys, that are difficult today, easier;
- Harnessing new technology to improve the ways our railways work; and
- Reducing costs across the East Midlands network.

3.3. The document poses a number of questions of which the most relevant to this Borough is: 'How could the next franchise operator make better use of stations for community and commercial purposes'. In this context an improved frequency of service between Birmingham, South Wigston and Leicester would help to improve the job prospects for the residents of this Borough.

3.4. The new franchise is scheduled to start in August 2019.

4. Conclusion

The 12 week consultation period for this report ends on the 11 October 2017. A summary of responses will be included in the Stakeholder Briefing document, which will be published alongside the Invitation to Tender for the franchise, planned for April 2018.

Background Documents:

None.

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Implications East Midlands Rail Franchise Public Consultation (July 2017)	
Finance	There are no implications from the contents of this consultation document.
Chris Raymakers (Head of Finance, Revenues and Benefits)	
Legal	There are no implications from the contents of this consultation document.
Anne Court (Director of Services / Monitoring Officer)	
Corporate Risk(s) (CR)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Corporate Risk(s) Identified
Adrian Thorpe (Head of Planning, Development and Regeneration)	
Corporate Priorities (CP)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Effective Service Provision (CP2)
Adrian Thorpe (Head of Planning, Development and Regeneration)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Balanced Economic Development (CP3)
Vision & Values (V)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Customer Focus (V5)
Adrian Thorpe (Head of Planning, Development and Regeneration)	
Equalities & Equality Assessment(s) (EA)	Community and stakeholder consultation and involvement are key to the content of this document.
Adrian Thorpe (Head of Planning, Development and Regeneration)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable (EA)