

Public Transport

Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee

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Public Transport

- Buses
- Railways
- Metro

Buses

- Alarming patronage drop during lockdowns and pandemic generally
- Government recognised importance of buses and funded shortfall in revenue;
- Emergency funding plus ENCTS means bus operators now publically funded
- Bus Back Better – partnerships with local authorities
- North East BSIP adopted autumn 2021
- ? Over continuity of emergency funding
- Staff sickness has affected services

Railways

- As with buses a dramatic fall in patronage
- Reduced timetables
- Grand Central suspended services for a while
- Williams/Shapps report – end of franchising and replacement with management agreements
- Integrated Rail Strategy

Metro

- As with buses and rail a dramatic fall in patronage
- Emergency funding
- New rolling stock
- Metro Flow
- ? Over continuity of emergency funding