

## **East West Main Line Partnership Strategic Board**

**15 March 2023**

### **Agenda Item 4: East West Railway Company approach to engagement**

**Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board:**

- a) Hear from the East West Railway Company on its approach to engagement and provide feedback on this.**

#### **1. Context**

- 1.1. At the Board meeting in December 2022, members discussed the importance of the East West Railway Company's approach to engagement.
- 1.2. The conversation included the Company's use of Local Representative Groups; engagement with members; and its approach to major announcements.
- 1.3. The Board agreed that one of the key things the government was looking for in the decision to support East West Rail was local support and local commitment to deliver the benefits that it brings. Partnership members are here to help get things right for their local communities and the Company should use the Partnership as a key engagement channel.
- 1.4. Members represent and understand their communities and can act as an early scrutiny function. They can identify potential challenges and find a way to work them through. It is very important that the Partnership is used to help local communities.

#### **2. Presentation**

- 2.1. The Board will hear from a Company representative on its approach to engagement, lesson learnt and how it plans to engage with stakeholders when it announces its response to the 2021 consultation.

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