

## **AGENDA ITEM 5 (a)**

### **Meeting with Graham Meiklejohn (Transpennine Railways)**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

1. Transpennine will be introducing earlier and later services to Manchester Airport. New rolling stock with 5 carriages and more seating to intercity quality level.
2. December 2019, will be extending Manchester Airport service to Redcar Central. Service to run hourly. Following new franchise (March 2023) could see direct service Nunthorpe to Newcastle via Durham and Middlesbrough to Liverpool Lime Street. Northern cannot run direct train to Newcastle on East coast mainline due to limited speed of rolling stock. On train to York may provide extra capacity and challenge to 'drinking culture'.
3. Key issues are need to redevelop the station, provision of an additional platform for new services.
4. Smart ticketing now available. The Plusbus card can be used on some local bus travel (check if apply to Arriva or Stagecoach).
5. Can adapt to provision of 'park and ride' facility but TVCA will need to make Transport for the north (TFN) aware of plans.
6. Future franchisee may want to look at service to Nottingham/Leicester area and on to Cambridge. Link to Birmingham could be explored.
7. As regards goods transport, need for Transpennine Route Upgrade (TRU). Also improvements on Hope Valley line. Route will lead to port facilities at Liverpool Docks or Trafford Park.
8. Middlesbrough station has 100k journeys a month and over 1 million journey per year (all services). Further usage figures to follow.

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