

WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL
RECORD OF DECISION

Date Of Decision:	19 th October 2021
Title:	West Midlands Rail Ltd – Appointment of a Director
Is this a “Key Decision”?	No
Purpose:	<p>The Council is one of the partner local authorities owning West Midlands Rail Ltd, who jointly manage the West Midlands Business Unit of the West Midlands Rail Franchise with the Department for Transport through a legally binding Collaboration Agreement.</p> <p>Due to changes to passenger rail franchising in response to COVID, the existing West Midlands Rail Franchise terminated in the autumn and was replaced by a directly awarded National Rail Contract, which required changes to the Collaboration Agreement. These changes required approval by partner local authorities prior to a Special Resolution by the West Midlands Rail Limited Board of Directors. That resolution required the signatures of all directors appointed by the partner authorities, which required the appointment of a director by West Northamptonshire Council.</p>
Cabinet Member:	Councillor Phil Larratt, Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste
Decision Maker:	Councillor Jonathan Nunn, Leader of the Council
Consultation and Scrutiny	Consultation has been undertaken with the Cabinet Member Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste and the Assistant Director for Highways and Waste
Officer Recommendations:	To approve the appointment of the Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste as a Director of West Midlands Rail Ltd on behalf of West Northamptonshire Council.
Decision Taken:	To approve the appointment of the Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste as a Director of West Midlands Rail Ltd on behalf of West Northamptonshire Council.
Reasons For Decision:	As a member authority of West Midlands Rail Ltd., the Council is required to appoint a director to the company.
Alternative Options Considered (Including Reasons For Rejection)	The Council could elect not to appoint a director, but this would the Council would have to withdraw from West Midlands Rail Ltd.
Declarations of interest	None.

Authorised By Relevant Cabinet Member

Name:

Date: