



Rail Live and World Metro & Light Rail Congress & Expo 2018

Date of meeting 23 February 2018

Date of report 29 January 2018

Report by Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

1. Object of report

To recommend to the Partnership that SPT takes an active role and attends the Rail Live and World Metro & Light Rail Congress and in Bilbao on 17 – 19 April 2018¹.

2. Background

Rail Live is an annual meeting for rail operators, manufacturers and vendors covering every aspect of the rail industry and attracting CEOs and senior leaders from metro and light rail systems worldwide. It is co-located with the 14th World Metrorail Congress and taking place for the first time in 2018, in Bilbao, one of Spain's major rail manufacturing hubs.

3. Outline of proposals

SPT has been invited to present/facilitate a breakout session and workshop given the significance of the subway modernisation programme. This provides a valuable opportunity to showcase the subway modernisation with exposure to a worldwide audience and will ensure SPT and the project are given a significant profile with other metro operators and the supply chain.

It is proposed that the conference is attended by the Senior Director responsible for the Subway, including the modernisation programme.

The estimated cost for the travel is approximately £300-£400 with accommodation and conference entry costs being met by the organiser. A copy of the conference agenda is attached for reference.

4. Partnership action

It is recommended that the Partnership agree to the Senior Director attending the Rail Live and World Metro & Light Rail Congress & Expo 2018 in Bilbao between 17-19 April 2018 and the outcomes and benefits are reported back to a future committee.

¹ <http://www.terrapinn.com/conference/rail-live/index.stm>

5. Consequences

Policy consequences	<i>Subway modernisation is a key priority identified in the RTS.</i>
Legal consequences	<i>None identified.</i>
Financial consequences	<i>Costs will be contained within 2018/19 revenue budget.</i>
Personnel consequences	<i>None.</i>
Equalities consequences	<i>None.</i>
Risk consequences	<i>There is a risk that SPT may not be aware and keep abreast of current technologies, industry approaches and supply chain and hence not achieve best value for the organisation without attending such events.</i>

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