

# Enterprise and Learning Committee

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## Draft Committee response to the Network Rail consultation on the Route Utilisation Strategy

### Purpose

To comment on and agree the Committee's draft response to Network Rail's consultation on its Route Utilisation Strategy.

### Background

The Railway Infrastructure and Improved Passenger Services Committee carried out a consultation and took evidence during the second Assembly. Its final report recommended service and infrastructure improvements for passenger rail services in Wales. As part of its remit, the Enterprise and Learning Committee agreed to follow the progress of these recommendations.

Following the publication of the White Paper Delivering a Sustainable Railway, the Department for Transport and the Welsh Assembly Government published Wales Rail Planning Assessment in July 2007. The Committee undertook an inquiry and scrutinised key stakeholders. It published its report on Planning for Future Railway Provision on 21 November 2007.

Members were content to respond to the Route Utilisation Strategy consultation, which closes on 22 August 2008, using evidence taken by the former Railway Committee and on its inquiry into Planning for Future Railway Provision.

### Action for the Committee

The Committee is asked to comment on and agree the draft response to the consultation at Annex 1.

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