

Changes to Avanti West Coast leadership team

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Phil Whittingham, Avanti West Coast managing director, has decided to step down from his role with effect from 15 September in order to pursue other executive leadership opportunities.

Phil transferred to Avanti West Coast, as MD, from Virgin West Coast Trains Limited following the rail franchise change process following a successful 23 years in various roles on the railway.

Steve Montgomery, First Rail MD, said: "Having led the team through the challenges presented by the pandemic over the last two years and into the recovery period, Phil leaves with the team ready for the challenges in delivering the future service requirements. I would like to thank Phil and wish him well in the future."

For the immediate future, Steve Montgomery will provide executive leadership support to the Avanti West Coast team.