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A new £4 billion devolution deal for the North East could be crucial to turning dreams of reopening a disused railway line.

An article on the Chronicle Live says the major agreement between seven councils and the government is set to bring a raft of new money and decision-making powers to the region, with a new North East mayor due to be elected in 2024.

And local leaders hope that striking the deal might also be a key step towards achieving one of the region's biggest and most expensive ambitions – the restoration of the mothballed Leamside Line.

Rolling stock manufacturer Alstom has been awarded a £12 million contract to carry out mileage-based modernisation of ScotRail's Class 334 fleet of 40 trains operating between Glasgow and Edinburgh.

An article in The Herald says the contract was placed by Eversholt Rail. Eversholt leases the trains to ScotRail, which was renationalised by the Scottish Government last year.

It includes the overhaul of pneumatic and electrical components such as auto-couplers, gangways, batteries, under-frame air valves, toilets, and heating ventilation and air-conditioning in drivers' cabs.

All trains from Manchester Piccadilly are to be cancelled on Sunday, Network Rail have announced.

That according to an article on the BBC website that says trains are to be replaced by buses on Sunday "due to engineering works on our train shed roof", Network Rail tweeted.

Network Rail which owns and manages Manchester Piccadilly station thanked passengers for their patience ahead of the engineering works.

Rail passengers can bag themselves a train ticket from as low as 50p as Northern launches a flash sale. Up to five million discounted train tickets are up for grabs across the north, with one million priced at 50p.

An article on the Manchester Evening News website says a further three million tickets are priced at £1 while another one million can be bought for £1.50.

The tickets are only valid for travel between Tuesday, January 17 and Friday, March 10, on Northern services only.

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