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Leaders from across the North of England are scheduled to meet virtually tomorrow to discuss rail reform and what it might look like in the years ahead.

With the Government's Williams Review on rail reform expected to be published by this Spring, members of Transport for the North's Rail North Committee will discuss proposals for how the sub-national transport body can take an active role in shaping the way the rail sector develops and is run over the coming decades.

Transport for the North's strategic rail director David Hoggarth says he would like to see a rail sector where investment decisions focus on local needs and put passengers first.

Three suppliers have been selected to develop bold, innovative conceptual designs to help inform and potentially transform the delivery of the Cambridgeshire Autonomous Metro (CAM).

The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority has challenged the market to propose technologies, innovations, designs, operational systems and commercial ideas which could provide an in-the-round solution to the delivery of the CAM.

The procurement process for the designs launched in September 2020 and has resulted in three suppliers being awarded contracts to develop their concepts in full for presenting to the Mayoral Combined Authority in March.

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More than 40,000 people applied to work at rail operator Northern last year.

The company has revealed that 436 jobs were advertised, that means there were an average of 94 applicants for each role across the whole of 2020.

More than 6,000 people now work for Northern, with the promise of more jobs in the future.

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Finally, and trains emptying toilet waste directly onto tracks are rapidly becoming history as Greater Anglia is replacing all its old trains with more environmentally-friendly new trains.

All of Greater Anglia's new trains collect toilet waste in large tanks so that waste can be flushed away safely at depots rather than let out onto tracks.

The tanks are emptied at least every three days at depots across the Greater Anglia network.

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