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FirstGroup's GWR has been awarded a new National Rail contract to replace a direct award which began on 1 April 2020.

An article on Railnews says the contract will start on 26 June, and First said it has a core three-year term to 21 June 2025, with an option for the Department for Transport to extend it by up to three further years to June 2028.

The new National Rail contracts, which have replaced franchises and the following emergency contracts, consist of a fixed management fee and a second fee based on performance.

GWR's fixed management fee will be £6.9 million a year, plus the opportunity to earn an additional fee of up to £17.8 million a year if performance targets are met.

Thousands more railway workers are to be balloted for strikes in escalating disputes which threaten travel chaos this summer.

An article in the Evening Standard says the Transport Salaried Staffs' Association (TSSA) has served notice to ballot more than 6,000 staff at Network Rail (NR) in a dispute over pay, conditions and job security.

Members of the Rail, Maritime and Transport (RMT) union at NR and 13 train operators are to strike for three days next week in similar disputes, which will cause huge disruption to services.

The RMT and Unite are also striking on London Underground on June 21, the same day as the first rail strike, in a separate row over jobs and pay.

Detailed plans for a significant new building at the National Railway Museum (NRM) in York, forming part of the wider York Central scheme, are recommended for approval next week.

An article on Insider Media Limited says the museum submitted a reserved matters application to City of York Council in December 2021 for the construction of a new Central Hall.

Central Hall would comprise a new welcome space and gallery located between the museum's Great Hall and Station Hall. It is designed to unite the museum buildings and is a cornerstone of its Vision 2025 strategy.

The plans also include a new Wonderlab, aimed at inspiring children to think like engineers through experience, interactivity and play.

London North Eastern Railway (LNER) has unveiled a new livery for its InterCity 225 fleet, applied during essential maintenance work.

The design features LNER's colours of red, oxblood, grey and white, along with its logo, bringing a new look to the trains while also giving a nod to the past.

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