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The government has recommitted to the £5 billion rail project linking Oxford and Cambridge.

An article on the BBC website says Chancellor Jeremy Hunt backed the East-West Rail link in his Autumn Statement after cuts to the scheme had been suggested in recent weeks.

Mr Hunt also recommitted to HS2 and core Northern Powerhouse Rail (NPR).

However it isn't all good news. An article in the Telegraph & Argus says Bradford will not get a new station as part of Northern Powerhouse Rail in a move branded as a "missed opportunity for the country".

The Chancellor has said the core NPR would be delivered – confirming fears that it will not be delivered in full and Bradford will not get a new high-speed rail station.

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Work on the refurbishment of a Belfast train station is to begin in the coming weeks.

An article on Belfast Live says construction work is due to begin on Yorkgate Train Station in North Belfast, with the station remaining in use throughout, with temporary diversions in place for pedestrians accessing and exiting the station.

Following completion, the new station will be renamed York Street Station to reflect its location in North Belfast.

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Iain Stewart has been appointed as the new chair of the Transport Select Committee.

The MP for Milton Keynes South takes over the position, which was left vacant when Huw Merriman, the new rail minister, was appointed to his new post.

Six candidates were nominated for the role of Chair, triggering an election.

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East Midlands Railway (EMR) is inviting customers to try out the bespoke seats that will be used on its new state-of-the-art Aurora Intercity fleet.

From today, customers will be able to experience the comfort of the unique seats at special displays at Nottingham, Derby and Sheffield stations.

They will also be able to find out how EMR has been working hard to make sure the interiors of the trains include all the features customers expect from a modern railway service – including more connectivity, luggage space and passenger information.

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