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Transport for Wales has successfully agreed a pay deal for workers with trade union partners.

An article on Wales 247 says through progressive negotiations with a clear focus on developing a social partnership, the overall deal includes a base line pay increase of around 4.5 per cent with different parts of the organisation subject to different pay models.

The Deputy Minister for Climate Change with responsibility for Transport, Lee Waters said: “This is great news and highlights how we do things differently in Wales, securing a fair pay deal via a progressive social partnership with Unions that recognises the value of our rail workers.

“We strongly urge the UK Government to follow our lead by negotiating a pay settlement with Unions in England so that further strike action and disruption for passengers and freight is avoided.”

Rishi Sunak branded rail union baron Mick Lynch a ‘Grinch’ fighting ‘class war’ as he vowed to stand firm against strikes.

An article on the Daily Mail says the PM launched a direct attack on the RMT chief warning that bowing to demands for huge pay settlements would only ‘kick us into an inflation spiral’.

He also swiped at border staff over walkout – but seemed to dodge similar barbs at NHS staff amid increasing unrest on Tory benches.

Richard Moody has been appointed programme director (freight reform) at the Great British Railways Transition Team (GBRTT).

Richard has worked in transport for more than 20 years, with the 11 years in the industry leading teams to deliver timetables, analysis and strategy, with the last four years focused on freight and decarbonisation.

Among his key successes have included the delivery of GBRTT’s Call for Evidence on rail freight growth, Network Rail’s London Rail Freight Strategy and Traction Decarbonisation Network Strategy.

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South Western Railway (SWR) has launched its new sustainability strategy – Journey to a Better Future – which sets out an ambitious programme for serving, safeguarding, and strengthening its people, places, and the planet.

Following the announcement of its landmark commitment to become a net zero carbon train operator by 2040, ten years ahead of the UK’s overall legal deadline, the strategy expands on SWR’s mission to become an industry leader in all aspects of sustainability.

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