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Rail company Govia will continue to run the Thameslink franchise for the next three years despite being handed a multi-million pound fine for how it ran a separate franchise.

The article in the Evening Standard says the business will pocket a management fee of £8.8 million per year to deliver the service and could pocket an additional £22.9 million, which is linked to performance.

Govia Thameslink Railway recognised it will face a challenge to convince customers back onto its services, on which passengers travelled 349 million times per year before the pandemic.

On the announcement, Minister for rail, Wendy Morton, said: “With their plans for improving the punctuality, reliability and accessibility of their services through close collaboration with Network Rail, we are proud to partner with GTR to create a truly passenger-focused service.”

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The long-awaited redevelopment of Hartlepool station is a step closer after funding was secured from the Department for Transport.

The article features in the Northern Echo saying there are plans to bring the station’s redundant second platform back into use, with new lifts and a footbridge installed.

The £12 million boost to the project has been secured from the Department for Transport as part of the £310 million secured in last year’s budget.

Work will get underway later this year, with the platform open for when the Tall Ships regatta sails into town in July 2023.

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VolkerFitzpatrick has been appointed to deliver the major redevelopment of Stanford-le-Hope railway station by Thurrock Council, with work due to start this summer.

The new station will feature step-free access from the street, wider platforms with covered waiting areas, increased cycle storage, and facilities for a coffee vendor. A footbridge with lifts will also be installed to help improve accessibility.

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Transport for Wales has launched a Young People’s Charter, that aims to put young people’s views at the heart of its efforts to transform its network.

The charter will focus on a range of barriers that stop young people using transport, such as cost, safety and access.

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