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A last-minute deal has been struck to avoid rail strike action during a climate change conference in Glasgow.

An article on the Glasgow Times says union bosses have confirmed they have agreed a pay deal with ScotRail, putting an end to the possibility of transport chaos on the trains when thousands of delegates arrive in the city this week.

It's understood a one-year 2.5 per cent rise has been accepted by both RMT and rail chiefs.

Northern leaders have warned the government is falling short of a promise to close the North-South divide after the Northern Powerhouse Rail Project wasn't mentioned in the Budget yesterday.

An article in the *i* newspaper said Rishi Sunak's pledge of £5.7 billion for London-style public transport settlements for cities on both sides of the Pennines was described as the region's "biggest win" by Greater Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham.

But hopes the Chancellor would use the Budget to signal his continued support for the east-west Northern Powerhouse Rail Project were once again dashed.

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Porterbrook has announced the appointment of Ben Ackroyd as the company's first Chief Operating Officer, joining in Spring 2022.

This Board level role will see Ben take strategic responsibility for all operational aspects of the business.

Porterbrook, that owns a quarter of Britain's passenger trains, is expanding its railfreight portfolio and has recently taken over the 135 acre test-track and innovation centre at Long Marston in Warwickshire.

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Transport for London (TfL) has announced that the Waterloo & City line will provide a full weekday service from Monday 22 November as London continues to recover from the pandemic.

The line, which connects Waterloo and Bank stations, is an important commuter link for thousands who come into London to work in the City each day.

The Waterloo & City line shut in March 2020 in response to the Government's advice for people to work from home.

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