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The Government will take over running services on Southeastern from 17 October 2021, after a serious breach of the franchise agreement's "good faith" obligation in relation to financial matters was identified, Transport Secretary Grant Shapps has announced today.

An investigation conducted by the Department for Transport has identified evidence that since October 2014 LSER has not declared over £25m of historic taxpayer funding which should have been returned.

To date £25m has been reclaimed and further investigations are being conducted by the owning group into all related historic contract issues with LSER.

In a Government statement passengers can also be reassured that there will be no changes to fares, tickets or services.

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Work is underway to upgrade drainage systems and re-profile embankments to reduce the risk of flooding and landslips on the line between Sanquhar and Dumfries.

At a number of sites along the route Network Rail, with contractor QTS, is investing £8m this year to improve the condition of the railway cuttings at known flood sites and at locations where modelling and pro-active monitoring has indicated an increased risk from extreme rainfall.

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The rail industry and UCL Professors have revealed that commuting by train and escaping the work from home routine can have a positive impact on cognitive performance, wellbeing, productivity and motivation.

It comes after last week saw seasonal and peak train journeys increase by 30 per cent since August, with the industry's latest research revealing over three quarters (77 per cent) of hybrid workers are planning to return to their workplace.

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