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Hitachi Rail and Hyperdrive Innovation have signed an exclusive agreement to develop battery packs to power zero-emission trains and create a battery hub in the North East.

The two North East manufacturers will now accelerate the creation of batteries that can be mass-produced to provide emission-free power for hundreds of battery trains across the UK.

The agreement has been described as an important step towards manufacturing batteries at Hyperdrive's HYVE facility in Sunderland, and then installing them 20 miles away at Hitachi Rail's train-building factory in County Durham.

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Closing Glasgow Subway is not an option on the table.

That's the message from Dr Martin Bartos from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport following a meeting to discuss financial stability.

It follows news that the organisations is predicting a potential deficit of up to £20 million for the current financial year.

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HS2 is pioneering the UK's first electric forklift on one of its major construction sites in London.

With zero pollution, the Eco Telehandler vehicle has been trialled on HS2's site at West Ruislip by the STRABAG Joint Venture.

It is estimated that over a week, it saved over 400 litres of fuel compared to a traditional combustion telehandler.

[More details here.](#)

Finally, and Japan has launched a new 223mph bullet train that can escape to safety in the event of an earthquake.

The article, features in the Daily Mail, says the train has an active suspension system and lithium-ion batteries so it can run without the overhead lines.

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