

Keith Williams – “this shouldn’t be a one-size fits all solution”

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“We need to acknowledge that we have different railways, depending on where you are.” That is the message from Keith Williams in the latest [RailDirector](#), who says we can’t have a one-size-fits-all solution and must ensure we don’t repeat the mistakes of the past.

The Chair of the review of the future structure of the UK rail sector is the cover feature of the magazine which can now be viewed online for free. In his interview he discusses the Williams-Shapps Review – the background, the delay and how the rail industry as a whole will benefit from its finding.

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He said: “Two things attracted me. Firstly that, following the timetabling disaster of May 2018, there was a huge realisation in the industry that things needed to change.

“Secondly, I actually took comfort from the fact that this was going to be a government review, independently chaired, which is somewhat unusual. So, I always felt that that gave it the greatest opportunity to get to a White Paper.”

The launch of the online edition of the magazine covering everything from track to track comes days hard copies were delivered to more than 2,200 rail industry leaders and subscribers.

Keith Williams joins a whole host of high-profile features, including RMT's General Secretary Mick Lynch, Network Rail's Chief of Staff Anit Chandarana and Michelle Craven-Faulkner, Partner at Shoosmiths.

David McLoughlin, Chief Executive of the Business Daily Group, said: "I hope you all agree that we are marking the first birthday of the RailDirector magazine with a really good edition with some fantastic features.

"The feedback from those who have received hard copies of the magazine has been wonderful, so I hope now it has gone live online even more people will be able to read about some of the inspirational people working in the railways."

The hard work continues with the RailDirector team putting together the finishing touches to the next magazine, ensuring it is released in time for the combined Railtex and Infrarail show.

Chris Wiles, who leads the RBD Publications team, said: "It has been a fantastic journey so far with our RailDirector magazine, one which I hope has been as enjoyable for the readers as it has all the staff working to pull it together each month.

"September's edition is set to continue the trend with very limited space to showcase your products and services available."

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