

New Vice Chair and additions to Leadership Group announced for RIA North

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The Railway Industry Association (RIA) North, which represents over 150 rail businesses based across the North of England, has announced David Maddison as its new Vice-Chair and several appointments to its Leadership Group.

David, who undertakes the role of Regional Director (North) within Alstom's Digital, Infrastructure and Systems (D&IS) business unit, will work with RIA North Chair Justin Moss to set the strategic direction of the group, as we represent RIA North members to policymakers and industry leaders. David is a Chartered Project Professional and a Fellow of the Association of Project Management, with over 20 years' experience of delivering complex multi-disciplinary projects within the rail environment.

RIA North's Leadership Group also welcomed several new faces, including:

- Jason Marbeck, Commercial Director at AmcoGiffen
- Emma Pattison, Portfolio Lead Major Projects (Rail) at Jacobs
- David Westcough, Senior Consultant at Atkins
- Richard Sykes, CEO at Rowe Hankins
- Dan Lee-Burnsall, CEO at Incremental Solutions
- Stirling Kimkeran, Director at Classone Systems

They will join the current group, consisting of: Innovation Lead David Taylor; Decarbonisation Lead Julie Carrier; and Value for Money Lead Ken Kyle.

David Maddison, RIA North Vice-Chair, commented: “It is a pleasure to join the RIA North Leadership Group and I am proud to be appointed Vice Chair. It is an exciting time for rail in the North, with significant investment through the Integrated Rail Plan and plans for intra-city transport across the various combined authorities. However, there are also some real challenges for the rail industry, whether that is uncertainty of promised investment, delivering the full benefits of HS2 or continued efforts to decarbonise and drive innovation on the railways. I look forward to working with colleagues and partners to be the voice of the rail supply community in the North.”

Justin Moss, RIA North Chair, added: “We are very pleased to welcome David as our new Vice-Chair and Jason, Emma, David, Richard, Dan and Stirling as leadership group members of RIA North, congratulations to all. David brings years of expertise in the industry, and will help us make the case for members right around the North East and North West. The group has lots of exciting plans for the months and years ahead, so stay tuned for more from RIA North!”

RIA North runs a range of activities throughout the year, with upcoming events including an event to mark the one-year anniversary of the Integrated Rail Plan on 19 November 2022 and an Annual Conference on 1 December 2022. It will also continue to lead projects through its working groups on Innovation, Digital, Skills, Decarbonisation and Value for Money. Find out more about RIA North’s work here: <https://www.riagb.org.uk/north>.