

Motion: Motion 1: Proposed by Councillor James Finch and seconded by Councillor Guy McGregor

On Sunday 16 October the nine year Greater Anglia Rail Franchise began with Abellio Greater Anglia as the winning bidder. This was mainly because of their focus on what their travelling customers were demanding and have included a major series of improvements for rail services in the region, which include a range of much needed improvements.

The reliability of the Franchise this last two years has been hampered by unreliable rolling stock, the effects of the competing freight service on the same lines and lastly by the unreliability of the infrastructure run by Network Rail. This causes regular major delays to the intercity and local service.

The Franchise Contract improvements require significant investments for the upgrading of the infrastructure by National Rail.

Suffolk County Council moves that the Leader and the Chief Executive write to Suffolk MP's and the Department for Transport to confirm that Network Rail has the focus and resources at the right time, to deliver the necessary improvements to the infrastructure in collaboration with

Greater Anglia. This will enable them to achieve their franchise commitments over the nine-year period so the residents of Suffolk can be assured that a fit for purpose rail infrastructure is in place.

Members present agreed unanimously.