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Who's Who 2026-2027

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The Board is responsible for definition of Railfuture policy on rail issues, including passenger, infrastructure & networks, freight industry structure; political and economic analysis, environmental analysis, identification of rail best practice; liaison with national political representatives, government departments and agencies, rail organisations, transport and economic bodies.

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Railfuture Groups

Passenger

Definition of policy including Rail, Metro and Light Rail fares, facilities and service levels & quality monitoring, passenger safety and security, disability rights, access issues, park & ride facilities, liaison with BUUK, LRTA and CBT. Responding to passenger service consultations, engaging stakeholders and campaigning on selected passenger proposals.

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European Passenger Group:
Definition of policy including fares, facilities, service levels & quality monitoring for services between UK and Europe, connectivity to UK airports and ferry ports, identification of international rail best practice and identification of European legislation and standards which should be dropped. Representation at European Passenger Federation.

Head of European Passenger Group:
Ian Brown

Infrastructure & Networks Group:

Definition of policy including network modernisation, high speed rail, technical analysis and monitoring, network capacity, modal integration, assessment of line and station reopening proposals, route protection and railway lands, electrification strategy, regional & devolved rail development and light rail & metro development. Responding to infrastructure consultations, engaging stakeholders and campaigning on selected infrastructure proposals.

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