

Notice of Motion

Motion to be moved by Councillor Ieronimo:

Council notes that the Government has announced £15bn in funding for public transport projects across England. Despite Hull and East Yorkshire now being a mayoral authority, it has not received any funding from this allocation. Council also notes that in part this is because the announcement on 4th June, 2025, was in fact a reannouncement of previously announced funding.

The Treasury's Green Book rules, which historically favoured London and the Southeast, were revised to ensure fairer regional investment, yet under this announcement Hull was again overlooked. The electrification of the Hull to Selby railway line has long been a priority for Transport for the North, yet it was excluded from the funding announcement on 4th June, 2025. Council notes that Hull City Council has previously called for this electrification project to be fast-tracked, citing its economic and environmental benefits, including improved connectivity and support for Hull's growing green energy sector.

Council believes the Government has made clear that major infrastructure funding is now contingent on having a Mayor, making the position of Mayor vital for Hull to receive investment. Council further believes that the electrification of the Hull to Selby line is a critical transport priority that must be included in future funding allocations. Council also believes that the upcoming 'Spending Review' is an opportunity for the Government to set out what transport funding will be made available for the City.

Council calls on the Government to set out why it did not provide funding for the City and Region as part of the announcement on 4th June, 2025. Council also calls upon the Mayor, working alongside the Leaders of Hull and the East Riding of Yorkshire Councils, to engage with the Government in light of the 'Spending Review' and the implications it has upon this region. As part of this effort, the electrification of the Hull to Selby rail line should remain a key priority.

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