

**Appendix I Letter from Section 151 Officer**



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Date 23 March 2015  
Ref: LM/AS  
Please ask for: Louise Mattinson  
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Dear Cllr Mein

On behalf of Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council I would like to confirm that as scheme promoter of the **Blackburn to Manchester Rail Scheme** we are happy to comply with the Transport for Lancashire Assurance Framework and that we will fund the local contribution and any subsequent cost increases above the level of grant already agreed as set out in the attached document.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Louise Mattinson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

**Louise Mattinson**  
**Director of Finance and IT**

## Major Scheme Business Case April 2015

<b>Scheme Name:</b>	<b>Blackburn to Manchester Rail Scheme</b>
<b>Local Authority:</b>	<b>Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council</b>

<b>Scheme Cost Summary (£m)</b>	
<b>LA contribution capital (BwDBC)</b>	<b>£1.179*</b>
<b>LA contribution capital (LCC)</b>	<b>£0.1</b>
<b>LGF Competitive</b>	<b>£3.4</b>
<b>LGF</b>	<b>£9m</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£13.679</b>

*\*An advance payment of £568k has already been made to Network Rail by BwDBC in order to ensure the tight delivery timescales for the engineering works in 2015/16 are achievable. Further payments may also be required within this financial year and will form part of the BwD local contribution. The operating costs associated with the new services will be funded as part of the next Northern franchise with the back stop date for introduction being Dec 2017.*

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### SECTION 151 OFFICER DECLARATION

As Section 151 Officer for Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council I declare that the scheme cost estimates quoted in this bid are accurate to the best of my knowledge and that Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council have the intention and the means to deliver this scheme on the basis of its proposed funding contribution highlighted in Section 5.8 (and above) and any ongoing revenue requirements for the period 2016 – 2019 on the understanding that no further increase in LEP funding will be considered beyond the maximum contribution requested.

Name: LOUISE MATTINSON

Signed:



Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council