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Dear Ms Courtenage

### **Fleetwood to Poulton Railway**

Thank you for your email dated 27 July 2023, regarding the Fleetwood - Poulton railway reinstatement and the query raised from Wyre Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Officers from Lancashire County Council have been working closely with the Department for Transport and Network Rail since the project was approved for further development work on 18 June 2022.

A revised Strategic Outline Business Case has been developed by Network Rail and was presented to the Department for Transport's Restoring Your Railway Programme Board earlier in 2023. A whole portfolio review of Restoring Your Railway schemes nationally has now been undertaken by the Department for Transport and a Ministerial decision is now awaited in relation to Fleetwood – Poulton.

In relation to the task group pulled together by the county council, we have stressed the need for continued local stakeholder involvement with the Department for Transport. When the ministerial decision is received we will be looking at wider communications and potential next steps with all key stakeholders.

If in the meantime, if you require any further information please get in touch with Mike Cliffe, Rail Development Manager via telephone on: 01772 530881 or via email at: [mike.cliffe@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:mike.cliffe@lancashire.gov.uk)

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely



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