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# Industry-wide Work Pipeline Visibility Charter Launched

Today, the [Rail Supply Group](#) launches a new industry-wide initiative, a [Work Pipeline Visibility Charter](#) backed by Network Rail, HS2, the Department for Transport and the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

The RSG Charter is aimed at businesses across the UK that supply services, or products to the rail sector. As signatories of the Charter, businesses will be giving their commitment to sharing their work pipeline information with their suppliers.

The RSG is asking businesses supplying the rail industry – infrastructure contractors, technology suppliers, consultancies, original equipment manufacturers, project management companies and SME specialist suppliers – to commit to the Rail Supply Group’s Work Pipeline Visibility Charter:

***We will provide work pipeline visibility across the supply chain to allow our suppliers to plan and invest with confidence, driving improvements in productivity, collaboration, and delivery of outcomes.***

In-depth research undertaken earlier this year on 8 pilot projects with 28 participants from the UK’s rail industry was led by the Rail Supply Group’s Sustainable Industry Champion and CEO of Keltbray, Darren James. The research concluded that by making work pipelines visible to suppliers, businesses would see significant improvements in productivity since suppliers would have sufficient time to plan the delivery of work more efficiently and, of equal importance, committing to sharing project work pipelines down through the supply chain was identified as a vehicle to increase collaboration and trust.

**Darren James, Keltbray** and RSG’s Work Pipeline Charter lead:

*“This is your call to action. Today and over the coming weeks we are asking businesses supplying the rail sector to sign the Work Pipeline Visibility Charter, we ask that you are proactive in your commitment and use our branding to publicise the fact that your business is committed to creating a more transparent and collaborative working culture for the benefit of our entire industry. This is one step along the way towards increasing work pipeline visibility across the industry and hard wiring this to a step change in productivity and lower carbon solutions.”*

**RSG Champions commenting on the Work Pipeline Visibility Charter said:**

**Anna Delvecchio, Mott MacDonald**

*“Providing more visibility enables the forward planning horizon to be increased, thereby increasing productivity. It means sub optimal resource planning and material scheduling issues are exposed earlier so action can be taken.”*

**Rob Morris, Siemens Mobility**

*“The availability of work pipeline information helps improve staff utilisation and reduce avoidable project constraints due to scarce resources.”*

**Neil Robertson, National Skill Academy for Rail**


*“Providing certainty on work profile allows for a short-term ‘return on investment’ from staff retention to help maintain the ongoing availability of staff to continue working in the rail sector.”*

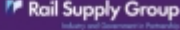
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**Notes to Editors:**

1. The Work Pipeline Visibility Charter can be downloaded [here](#).
2. As signatories, the RSG will provide branding – a logo, certificate and an email signature banner - to enable businesses raise the profile of their involvement.
3. Businesses can become signatories [here](#).
4. The concept of a Work Pipeline Visibility Charter came from the [‘ACT NOW’ initiative](#) led by the Rail Supply Group and supported by the Department for Transport (DfT) and the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS).
5. The Programme Management of the Work Pipeline Visibility Act Now initiative was undertaken by Interimconsult Limited.
6. The Rail Supply Group (RSG) is the leadership body for the UK rail supply sector, whose aim is to strengthen the capability and competitiveness of the UK rail supply chain to grow business at home and abroad.
7. The RSG was tasked by Government in 2018 to deliver its [Industrial Strategy: Rail Sector Deal](#) and aims to strengthen the competitiveness of the rail supply industry at home and overseas.
8. In July 2020, the RSG was invited by Government -- BEIS and DfT -- to form a Taskforce to put in place measures to help the industry recover from the Covid-19 pandemic. For regular updates on the Taskforce progress, please visit: <https://rsqtaskforce.org/>
9. RSG’s core activities are: Digital Railway; Mobility and Data; Sustainable Railway; and Export and Inward Investment. The four pillars have three overarching initiatives: Midlands Pilots, Skills and People and Productivity.
10. RSG Council includes Government representatives from the Department for Business, Enterprise and Industrial Strategy and Department for Transport, Sector Deal Industry Champions, co-opted suppliers, trade associations, client representatives and trade union representatives. The secretariat for RSG is provided by the Department for Transport.
11. The Chair of RSG is Philip Hoare and the Vice-Chair is Anna Ince, both Anna and Philip are available for interview.



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♦♦ We are committed to the Rail Supply Group's  
**Work Pipeline Visibility Charter.** ♦♦

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