

**STATEMENT ISSUED BY KEOLISAMEY**  
**RE: WALES AND BORDERS RAIL SERVICE AND SOUTH WALES METRO**

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KeolisAmey is pleased that the Welsh Government has today (Wednesday, May 23) announced its intention to award the contract to operate the Wales and Borders rail service and the South Wales Metro to KeolisAmey.

Upon successful completion of a 10-day standstill period, the contract will run from June 4, 2018, to October 14, 2033, with rail services transferring on October 14, 2018. This standstill period is normal procurement practice.

KeolisAmey is a joint venture partnership of international public transport operator Keolis, and infrastructure asset management specialist Amey.

KeolisAmey currently runs the Docklands Light Railway (DLR) in London, which has one of the best records in UK rail - consistently better than 99% reliability. Additionally, we operate and maintain Greater Manchester's Metrolink – the largest tram network in the UK.

Alistair Gordon, Chief Executive of Keolis UK, said:

*“This will be a transformative new rail service for Wales and its borders which will see Keolis once more combine its worldwide expertise in passenger operations with Amey’s engineering excellence.*

*“We look forward to the successful completion of the procurement process - this exciting contract will deliver for all of Wales. The procurement process was rigorous, resulting in transformative solutions for the benefit of all in Wales, and indeed, future generations.*

*“While the proposed changes won’t happen overnight, the railway will be unrecognisable in five years thanks to the vision of the Welsh Government.”*

Andy Milner, Amey’s Chief Executive, said:

*“Building on our successful partnership with Keolis, which already sees us deliver two high performing services – the Greater Manchester Metrolink and London’s DLR – we are honoured to be asked to operate the Wales and Borders service.*

*“This is a great opportunity for us to use our joint capabilities to deliver a first-rate service for Wales. We will be focused on working with Transport for Wales to transform the existing infrastructure and introduce new trains to significantly improve the passenger experience, as well as creating hundreds of new jobs and apprenticeship opportunities”.*

KeolisAmey is unable to make any further comment until the procurement process has concluded and the contract has been awarded.

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## **Notes to editors**

### **About Keolis**

Leading the way in public transport, Keolis partners with public decision makers to make shared mobility an asset for cities and their communities. Internationally recognised as the leading operator of trams and automated metros, Keolis adopts an innovative approach with all its partners and subsidiaries (Kisio, LeCab, EFFIA, Keolis Santé and Cykleo) to develop new forms of shared and customised mobility, and reinforce its core business across a range of transport modes including trains, buses, coaches, trolleybuses, shared private hire vehicles, river shuttles, ferries, cycles, car sharing services, electric autonomous vehicles and urban cable cars. In France, Keolis is now the leader in medical transport services through the creation of Keolis Santé in July 2017 and positioned as the number two car park operator, through its subsidiary EFFIA.

The company is 70% owned by SNCF and 30% by the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (CDPQ). Keolis employs 63,000 people in 16 countries and recorded revenue of 5.4 billion euros in 2017. Each year, over 3 billion passengers worldwide use one of the shared mobility services offered by Keolis.

\*Historically based in France, Keolis has expanded its operations in Germany, Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, India, Luxembourg, Norway, the Netherlands, Portugal, Qatar, Sweden, the UK and the USA.

### **About Amey**

Amey, with a turnover of £2.2bn, employs 19,000 people internationally with a focus on the UK, but with businesses in Australia and America.

Our aim is to make the world a better place to live, work and travel. Designing, building, maintaining and investing in the UK's services and infrastructure in partnership with our clients. This means keeping core services running smoothly across the country: utilities, transport, engineering, justice, defence, environmental and waste services, and facilities management.

We work with rail providers and train operating companies to keep their existing assets running as smoothly as possible, operating and maintaining track, overhead lines, signalling systems, power supplies and security systems. We also work on some of the UK's biggest rail projects like Crossrail and the North West Electrification Programme. These are underpinned by our leading consulting and asset management capabilities, which allow us to offer standalone or integrated service solutions to a range of clients.

Amey is owned by Ferrovial. They are one of the world's leading infrastructure management and investment companies. Ferrovial has more than 96,000 employees and a presence in over 15 countries. It is a member of Spain's blue-chip IBEX 35 index and is also included in prestigious sustainability indices such as the Dow Jones Sustainability Index and FTSE4Good. Ferrovial's activities focus on four business sectors: construction, airports, toll roads and services. Amey is part of the Services division.