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## **Senior Staff Changes at the SRA**

The SRA today announces changes to its Executive team:

Nick Newton becomes Managing Director, Operations - bringing his title in line with the other two key delivery Directors but not changing his responsibilities; and

A new role is defined for the Chief Operating Officer - with responsibility for delivery against the business plan.

Nicola Shaw is acting Chief Operating Officer pending a permanent appointment.

Richard Bowker, Chairman and Chief Executive said:

"These changes and particularly the redefinition of the role of Chief Operating Officer, seem natural steps for the SRA. They are particularly important this year when I will be spending a considerable amount of time making the Case for Rail to the industry, to Government and to private sector investors. The new structure will enable the SRA to take an increasingly disciplined and correctly prioritised approach to planning and deployment of our resources and will increase our effectiveness both at the Executive level and as an organisation.

"I am very pleased that Nicola Shaw has agreed to act as Chief Operating Officer pending a permanent appointment."

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