

[News story: Northern transport gets further funding from government](#)

The Government today backed transport improvements across the Northern Powerhouse with £400 million of extra funding.

More than £100m will go towards local road schemes to bust congestion pinch-points and speed up journeys, while an extra £300m will help push forward plans for Northern Powerhouse Rail to bolster links between Northern towns and cities with more frequent and faster services.

Ministers are already investing record amounts to strengthen transport links in the North. This local road funding, from the £23 billion National Productivity and Investment Fund (NPIF), will go towards 13 priority schemes in the North West, 10 in Yorkshire and the Humber and 10 across the North East. These have been proposed by local leaders who know their areas best and illustrated how this investment will be of the greatest benefit to local people to improve journeys and help support jobs.

The extra £300 million will go towards ensuring HS2 infrastructure can accommodate future Northern Powerhouse Rail and Midlands Connect services. Future-proofing will make it easier and less disruptive to build Northern Powerhouse Rail in the future. This will enable faster services between the Northern cities of Liverpool and Manchester, Sheffield, Leeds and York, as well as on towards the East Midlands and London. It will also enable services between Liverpool and Leeds to pass via Manchester Piccadilly station.

Further Information

The Government has already backed the North with record investment in transport. By 2020 it will have spent more than £13 billion on improving and modernising transport links across the Northern Powerhouse. It has also spent more than £3.3 billion for local investment priorities through the Local Growth Fund.

In addition, Ministers have agreed historic devolution deals with four areas across the North (Greater Manchester, Liverpool City Region, Tees Valley, and Sheffield City Region). This May, the people of Greater Manchester, Tees Valley and Liverpool City Region elected powerful mayors for the first time who will receive a combined £2.25 billion of additional government funding for local priorities.

[Press release: Foreign Secretary statement on the attack in Las Vegas](#)

Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson said:

I am horrified by the awful attack at a music festival in Las Vegas this morning. The United Kingdom stands with the American people against this indiscriminate violence. My thoughts are with all those caught up in it.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office is in contact with Las Vegas authorities to establish whether any British people were caught up in the attack and we are ready to help however we can. Any British people in Las Vegas should follow the instructions of local authorities.

[News story: Brokenshire vows Bombardier jobs “absolutely vital” to NI economy](#)

Rt Hon James Brokenshire MP, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said:

Bombardier jobs are absolutely vital to the Northern Ireland economy. Today’s visit to meet Bombardier NI CEO Michael Ryan provides assurance on the UK Government’s continuing commitment and efforts to protect jobs and the livelihoods of so many people across Northern Ireland and discuss how we can continue to work together to resolve this very serious issue.

There is a compelling requirement for all in politics, in business and across the community to stand as one on this issue.

The UK Government’s commitment has been clear from the outset, with the Prime Minister, Business Secretary and other Cabinet colleagues working tirelessly to bring this matter to a satisfactory conclusion.

I want to echo comments by Defence Secretary Rt Hon Sir Michael Fallon MP that this is an unjustified action by Boeing and whatever course of action they take could have an impact on any future dealings they may have with the UK Government.

The Government is committed to building a stronger economy across the UK, including Northern Ireland. But it is clear economic success, securing existing jobs and creating new ones, attracting local and foreign direct investment is largely dependent on sustainable and stable Government.

We will continue to work with the senior management at Bombardier, the trade unions and the workforce as well as with the Canadian and US Governments to find a resolution. I hope this fight can be boosted by getting Stormont back up and running. I remain hopeful a political deal can be done and I again call on the parties to resolve differences and work together for everyone in Northern Ireland.

[News story: Monarch Airlines in administration – claiming redundancy payments](#)

The following companies entered into [administration](#) on 02 October 2017. The following people from KPMG have been appointed.

Company	Appointees
Monarch Holdings Limited	Blair Nimmo, Jim Tucker, Richard Beard
Monarch Airlines Limited	Blair Nimmo, Jim Tucker, Mike Pink
Monarch Travel Group Limited	Blair Nimmo, Jim Tucker, Steve Absolom
First Aviation Limited	Blair Nimmo, Jim Tucker, Steve Absolom
Avro Aviation Limited	Blair Nimmo, Jim Tucker, Steve Absolom
Avro Limited	Blair Nimmo, Jim Tucker, Steve Absolom
MH Aviation Transport Limited	Blair Nimmo, Jim Tucker, Steve Absolom
Monarch Holidays Limited	Blair Nimmo, Jim Tucker, Steve Absolom
somewhere2stay Limited	Blair Nimmo, Jim Tucker, Steve Absolom
Monarch 2011 Limited	Blair Nimmo, Jim Tucker, Richard Beard

The Insolvency Service has made special arrangements for employees who have

been dismissed following the Monarch Group entering administration.

If you've been dismissed

If you've been dismissed, you might be entitled to [redundancy and other related payments](#) from the Insolvency Service.

Who is eligible

Individuals who worked for any of the above listed companies under an [employment contract](#) are eligible to apply for redundancy and other payments. They cannot apply until after they have been dismissed.

[Workers](#) and [self-employed contractors](#) who provided services to the above companies are not eligible to apply. Instead, these individuals should contact the administrator to register as creditors see – <http://www.kpmg.co.uk/monarch>.

How to apply

The administrator will give details about how to apply and will also give you a case reference number (eg CN12345678). Once you have this information you can [apply online](#).

Paying your claim

On average it takes 14 days to process and pay claims. However, sometimes we need to get additional information from the individual or from the administrator, which can take a bit of time. We'll contact you directly if we need anything further from you. We always try to pay eligible claims within 6 weeks of receiving the application.

To allow us to deal with everyone's application as quickly as possible, please do not contact us to check the status of your application until after the 6 weeks have passed.

Getting help

If you need help completing your application, you can contact the Redundancy Payments helpline on 0330 331 0020.

When calling, please have your case reference number (eg CN12345678) and National Insurance number to hand. If you do not have a case reference number, please contact the administrator.

We are experiencing higher than usual call volumes at the moment. If you are unable to get through to us you can email redundancypaymentsonline@insolvency.gsi.gov.uk with "xxxx Employee" in the subject line, and we will call you back.

Please include your name, your case reference number and your telephone

number in your email.

If you need to email us after submitting your claim, please only use the email address you gave on your application form. Otherwise, we won't be able to respond to you for security reasons.

Speech: Lord Chief Justice swearing-in, Lord Chancellor speech

I have great pleasure in adding my voice to this chorus of approval. I am delighted to welcome Sir Ian as our new Lord Chief Justice, the most senior job that the judicial system of England and Wales has to offer.

I'm sure Ian won't mind my remarking that he is only the second youngest holder of this ancient title, having been pipped by a few months by Lord Parker of Waddington back in 1958. The Master of the Rolls has already sung his virtues. I fully support that endorsement and look forward to working with Sir Ian, who is clearly an outstanding judge and will be an outstanding leader into the future.

But of course in ushering in Sir Ian, we must also say goodbye to Lord Thomas who has shown such wisdom, intellect and verve as a leader and champion of judges. And I'm sure you would all wish to join me in bidding him farewell in what I consider perhaps to be the most appropriate way.

Diolch o galon i chi am eich ymroddiad i'r swydd a'ch gwaith dygn, di-flino dros y blynyddoedd. Dymunaf pob bendith i chi yn y dyfodol.

Now lest anyone mistook that for Estonian – the last language in which I attempted to pay tribute, during my Foreign Office days – or indeed happens not to be both a fluent and forgiving Welsh speaker, I hope that I said:

Thank you very much for the dedication and the hard work that you have tirelessly shown to the role over the years. I wish you all the blessings for the future.

Sir Ian will now take on the constitutional responsibilities of Lord Chief Justice. And together we will work to ensure that justice is at the centre of our society; to secure access to justice for all, whatever their means or abilities; to provide the where-with-all through which the judges can administer justice openly and swiftly without fear or favour, affection or ill-will. He takes up his role as we navigate the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union and, Sir Ian, we are grateful for the stability you will provide as we move forward. And on the issue of Brexit, it is perhaps worth

revisiting the words of Lord Thomas: when he said

Brexit does not affect the quality or certainty of English law, or the standing of our courts or London's arbitration centres. They remain as before June last year...Our legal profession will continue to be expert and world-respected. Our judges will continue to be drawn from the highest ranks of that legal profession. They will continue to be renowned for their expertise, impartiality and integrity. All the key features that made London into the leading centre for dispute resolution will continue unchanged.

And of course our courts, after all, are grounded in the Rule of Law – and our law is a breathing, living entity that throughout history has offered a measured, thoughtful and certain response to changing circumstances, and will I am sure do so countless times again. It is a system that forms laws from the lives of men and women rather than directing them to live under forms of law. In our ancient, established and unbroken democracy, the law, our law, is truly among this nation's most treasured assets.

In the words of Rudyard Kipling,

All we have of freedom, all we use or know – This our fathers bought for us long and long ago. Ancient Right unnoticed as the breath we draw – Leave to live by no man's leave, underneath the Law.

Our Law does much more than establish and govern a legal system. It is at once part of the fabric of history and also the beating heart of modern society: it is synonymous with quality and incorruptibility. As impartial and fearfully independent judges, acting under the leadership of the Lord Chief Justice, it is your task to preside over this law so that, with our support, citizens, institutions, investors and businesses can have faith in the future.

Robust economies, after all, depend upon the existence of clear law to govern societies and commerce. And without you all, without that tradition and practice of judicial independence, the Rule of Law would be but an empty shell.

As the latest in a long line of holders of this august office, Sir Ian personifies what the Rule of Law stands for and the rights it enshrines. During his career, without fear or favour, he has variously stood up for the 'little man' in common-law cases, taken part in major public inquiries, has represented the government – and also acted to hold authority to account as counsel in cases of miscarriages of justice.

So he is no stranger to challenging authority – and this is just as it should be. Judges allow us to live in a society where no individual and no government is above the law. Where executive power is balanced by a strong

judiciary and a scrutinising legislature. It was not always so, of course: a former Lord Chancellor, Francis Bacon, once admonished judges thus: 'Let them be lions, but yet lions under the throne; being circumspect that they do not check or oppose any points of sovereignty'.

Fully 400 years later, I will steadfastly uphold the independence of the judiciary of England and Wales in your duty to be lions. On occasion, in the coming months and years, there will doubtless be some uncomfortable discussions between the 21st century judiciary and the Executive. And that, too, is as it should be – with discord then giving way to discussion and finally to harmony.

Sir Ian, you were once asked why you became a lawyer. 'My teachers at school noticed I could do joined-up writing and was quite argumentative. Despairing of anything else, they suggested the Bar.'

So today let us congratulate not only Sir Ian but also his teachers for talent-spotting the second youngest Lord Chief Justice in this nation's history. Congratulations – and thank you.