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Hitachi, Port of Tyne and North East Mayor join forces to deliver greener buses, economic growth and jobs in the North East of England



The signing of the two MoUs

Tokyo, Japan, November 18, 2025 - Hitachi, Ltd. (TSE: 6501, “Hitachi”) and North East Mayor Kim McGuinness have signed two international agreements that bring together Hitachi’s global expertise in mobility and energy with the region’s ambitions, along with the Port of Tyne’s growing role as a clean energy and low-carbon logistics hub. The agreements will boost the bus network, create new green jobs, and accelerate the North East’s transition to net zero.

Signed today in Tokyo, the agreements underline all parties' growing international partnerships and commitment to innovation, decarbonisation, and job creation.

The first agreement will see Hitachi support the Mayor’s vision to transform public transport in the North East, including her commitment to make every local bus in the region zero-emission within a decade. Bus passengers across the North East will benefit from Hitachi’s global expertise in advanced technology and charging solutions for zero-emission fleets.

With the North East recognised as the UK’s first AI Growth Zone, this strategic partnership will also explore how AI can enhance digital monitoring of transport vehicles and infrastructure across the region. Under the agreement, Hitachi and the North East Combined Authority will assess how Hitachi’s HMAX solutions can drive AI-powered innovation.

A second green jobs agreement will see Hitachi work with the North East Combined Authority and Port of Tyne on the vision to develop a “Smart Port of the Future” via a dedicated clean e-fuels hub. The parties will work together to assess the viability of the on-site production and use of e-fuels to help decarbonise maritime transport and boost the regional economy. The partners will also collaborate on innovation, digital transformation, clean energy infrastructure and skills development.

The partnership between the North East Combined Authority, Port of Tyne and Hitachi builds on a shared vision for sustainable transport and clean energy.

North East Mayor, Kim McGuinness, said:

“Japan’s investment in North East England continues and I’m pleased to be meeting the senior leadership team of Hitachi Ltd. and signing two new agreements which will see Hitachi back our plans to transform buses in the North East and boost our clean energy sector.

“We know the Hitachi team well and continue to support the team at the factory in Newton Aycliffe. These new agreements will see us work even more closely in the future, so that our region is able to tap into global best practice and learn from other projects and systems to create a truly world-class transport system which puts the needs of passengers first.

“Hitachi’s leadership in sustainable mobility and green energy will be invaluable as we deliver on our vision for a cleaner, fairer transport system.

“We have big plans for our region’s public transport and I’m determined to transform our transport, bringing buses back into public control and upgrading buses across the region so passengers will be able to see a fully electric fleet within a decade. To make this a reality, we need to work closely with partners like Hitachi to ensure we learn what has worked well elsewhere in the world and how we might take advantage of the tech in the North East.

“We’re also looking at a new e-fuels hub at Port of Tyne which will help to massively reduce carbon emissions. The North East is the home of the green energy revolution and I’m delighted to be working closely with Hitachi and Port of Tyne to drive further growth in the clean energy sector, which could create up to 200 new jobs in our region.”

Andrew Barr, President of Hitachi Europe Ltd., said:

“Hitachi is proud to partner with the North East, Port of Tyne and Mayor Kim McGuinness on these important initiatives. Across Europe and around the world, we’re using our strengths in sustainable mobility and clean energy to help cities and regions tackle their biggest challenges — from decarbonising transport to creating the green jobs of the future.

“Working closely with forward-thinking local governments like the North East Mayoral Combined Authority allows us to combine global expertise with local ambition. Public-private partnership and knowledge sharing is how we believe devolution will deliver tangible benefits in the region, while also taking a regional approach to Industrial Strategy.

“This collaboration reflects the spirit of True One Hitachi — combining our capabilities across energy, mobility, and digital technologies through our Strategic Social Innovation Business Unit to deliver innovative solutions that make transport greener, energy cleaner, and communities stronger.”

Matt Beeton, CEO of the Port of Tyne welcomed the MoU as the first step in creating a new clean e-fuels site, saying: “Today’s agreement strengthens Port of Tyne’s position as a leader in low-carbon logistics, combining Hitachi’s global expertise with our ambition for a world-class hub for passengers and freight. It is a decisive step towards creating the UK’s first zero-emissions port, powered by smart technology and green innovation, driving new investment and sustainable growth for the region.”

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Notes to editors:

- Two new Memorandum of Understanding agreements were signed today (18th November 2025) at the Hitachi, Ltd. HQ in Tokyo, Japan.
- The agreements will deepen the relationship between the Mayor and Hitachi to deliver greater connectivity in the North-East and green growth. The agreements do not commit the North East CA to award any contracts to Hitachi.

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