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In a letter to the Minister for Rail, Lord Hendy, the **Transport Committee** calls on the government to amend the Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Bill 2024-25 to allow Transport for London (TfL) to run services operating into, and within, London.

The Committee has also written to the Mayor of London, recommending that TfL should have the power to appoint a public sector operator for the Elizabeth Line and Overground, in line with the changes to other services operating in London following the introduction of the Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Bill 2024-25.

If any further rail services are devolved, the Committee believes that the Mayor and TfL should be given the ability to appoint the operator and set the direction for them, as is currently the case with London Overground and the Elizabeth Line.

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