I joined MPs from Devon, Cornwall and Somerset, as well as Councillors from across the South West, to the launch of the Peninsula Rail Taskforce's report 'Closing the Gap'. The report sets out a 20 year strategic blueprint for upgrading the South West's rail network and its connections towards London, Bristol and the North. We highlighted the report's key themes to Rail Minister Paul Maynard, underlining the importance of making the line more resilient, as well as improving the speed and quality of the journey. The Minister reaffirmed the Government’s commitment to improving rail links to the South West, including the Transport Secretary’s announcement last week of a further £10 million in funding to improve resilience at Dawlish.