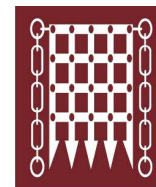


Westminster Social Policy Forum Keynote Seminar
Developing the Cambridge - Milton Keynes - Oxford Corridor:
infrastructure, governance and economic growth

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 7th December 2017

Venue: Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2Y 8DS

Agenda subject to change



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Iain Stewart MP, Member of Parliament for Milton Keynes South
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Developing the Cambridge - Milton Keynes - Oxford Corridor - key recommendations from the NIC**
Sadie Morgan, Commissioner, National Infrastructure Commission
Bridget Rosewell, Commissioner, National Infrastructure Commission
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.15 **Creating infrastructure - improving connectivity, expanding labour markets and utilising natural capital**
- Progress on East West rail*
Stuart White, Deputy Director, Rail Service Delivery, Department for Transport
- Upgrading road networks and developing the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway*
Matt Stafford, Project Director, Oxford to Cambridge Expressway, Highways England
- Infrastructure strategy to support growth across the Corridor*
Bev Hindle, Strategic Director for Communities, Oxfordshire County Council
- Priorities for a natural capital investment plan*
Professor Paul Leinster, Chair, Bedfordshire Local Nature Partnership and former Chief Executive, Environment Agency
- 10.15 - 10.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 - 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Iain Stewart MP, Member of Parliament for Milton Keynes South
- 10.45 - 11.20 Coffee
- 11.20 - 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Daniel Zeichner MP, Member of Parliament for Cambridge
- 11.25 - 11.55 **Realising the potential for an R&D powerhouse**
Stuart Wilkinson, Head of Knowledge Exchange and Impact Team, University of Oxford
Claire Ruskin, Chief Executive, Cambridge Network
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 - 12.35 **Delivering the full benefits of the Corridor - governance, collaboration and extending the reach**
- The role of local government: collaboration, pooling resources and spreading economic growth across the region*
Councillor Neil Blake, Leader and Cabinet Member for Major Projects, Aylesbury Vale District Council
- The voice for business - skills needs, attracting inward investment and the role for LEPs*
Richard Harrington, Chief Executive Officer, Buckinghamshire Thames Valley Local Enterprise Partnership
- Options for extending the geographical reach of the Corridor*
Paddy Bradley, Director, Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership
- Who runs the Corridor? Key issues for strategic planning, governance and project management*
Christine Doel, Director, SQW
- 12.35 - 12.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**
Daniel Zeichner MP, Member of Parliament for Cambridge
Peter van Gelder, Director, Westminster Social Policy Forum