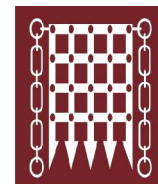


**Westminster Social Policy Forum Keynote Seminar:
Next steps for the Northern Powerhouse - investment, infrastructure and economic growth**

Timing: Morning, Friday, 26th October 2018

Venue: Central Manchester



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Kevin Hollinrake MP, Member of Parliament for Thirsk and Malton and Co-Chair, Northern Powerhouse All-Party Parliamentary Group
- 9.05 - 9.15 **Progress on devolution and growing the economy in the North of England**
Henri Murison, Director, Northern Powerhouse Partnership
- 9.15 - 9.35 **Driving investment in the Northern Powerhouse**
Sue Barnard, Senior Relationship Manager, British Business Bank
Marian Sudbury, Director, Exports and Investment, Northern Powerhouse, Department for International Trade
- 9.35 - 9.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- Developing infrastructure to support economic growth - transport, place and the environment**
- 9.50 - 10.00 **Barry White**, Chief Executive, Transport for the North
- 10.00 - 10.10 **Deborah McLaughlin**, Managing Director, Real Estate Projects, Real Estate and Infrastructure, Capita
- 10.10 - 10.20 **Councillor Judith Blake**, Leader, Leeds City Council
- 10.20 - 10.30 **Graham Botham**, Strategy and Planning Director (North), Network Rail
- 10.30 - 10.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 - 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
Kevin Hollinrake MP, Member of Parliament for Thirsk and Malton and Co-Chair, Northern Powerhouse All-Party Parliamentary Group
- 11.00 - 11.30 Coffee
- 11.30 - 11.35 **Chair's opening remarks**
Julie Elliott MP, Member of Parliament for Sunderland Central and Co-Chair, Northern Powerhouse All-Party Parliamentary Group
- 11.35 - 11.45 **Innovation, growth and the role of universities**
Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell, President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Manchester
- 11.45 - 11.55 **Linking development with other regions outside the North**
Senior representative, economic development
- 11.55 - 12.05 **Developing the North as a cultural hub**
Senior representative, culture
- 12.05 - 12.15 **Key issues for business in enabling local economic growth**
Justin Kelly, Director, Corporate Communications and Business Development, Siemens and Board Member, Northern Powerhouse Partnership
- 12.15 - 12.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.35 - 12.55 **Priorities for policy, the way forward for boosting regional economic growth and the future for regional funding post-Brexit**
Senior speaker confirmed from the **Cities and Local Growth Unit**
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**
Julie Elliott MP, Member of Parliament for Sunderland Central and Co-Chair, Northern Powerhouse All-Party Parliamentary Group
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Social Policy Forum