

Westminster Social Policy Forum Keynote Seminar: The future for Local Enterprise Partnerships and delivering regional projects

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 8th March 2018

Venue: Glaziers Hall, 9 Montague Close, London SE1 9DD

Agenda subject to change



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Mark Prisk MP, Member, House of Commons Communities and Local Government Select Committee
- 9.05 - 9.20 **The changing role of LEPs in regional development**
Professor John Shutt, Professor of Employment and Regional Economic Development, Leeds Beckett University
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.20 - 10.10 **The LEP agenda: funding, collaboration and growth**
- Sector deals, local strategies and priorities for a UK Shared Prosperity Fund*
Philip Cox, Chief Executive, Cheshire and Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership; former Director, Local Economies, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and former Principal Private Secretary to the Deputy Prime Minister
- 'LEPs and growth - increasing inclusivity'*
Bev Hurley, Chair, Institute of Economic Development and Chief Executive, YKTO Group
- Infrastructure, improving regional connectivity and the relationship between councils and LEPs*
Jim Newton, Head of Planning and Infrastructure, North West Leicestershire District Council
- LEPs and skills: improving learning and training opportunities to drive growth*
Nigel Tipple, Chief Executive, Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (OxLep)
- Meeting the needs of SMEs: financial support and priorities for Growth Hubs*
Dominic Williams, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government Policy Chair, Federation of Small Businesses
- 10.10 - 10.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 - 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Mark Prisk MP, Member, House of Commons Communities and Local Government Select Committee
- 10.40 - 11.05 Coffee
- 11.05 - 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Shipley, former Deputy Chair, Regional Growth Fund Independent Advisory Panel
- 11.10 - 11.35 **Combined Authorities and the role of Metro Mayors in regional projects**
James Palmer, Mayor, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 - 12.15 **Ensuring LEPs deliver for regions and funding priorities post-Brexit**
- 'The role of place in innovation policies and new funding programmes'*
Kevin Richardson, Local Growth Consultant, HEFCE
- Case study: alternative sources of funding and rural communities*
Sandra Rothwell, Chief Executive, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership (CloS LEP)
- Priorities for local authorities in regional development*
Councillor Louise Goldsmith, Leader, West Sussex County Council and Board Member, Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership
- 'Making an evidence-based case for investment'*
Heather Sharp, Director, Economics, KPMG
- 12.15 - 12.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Next steps for LEPs and delivering regional projects**
Ben Pledger, Deputy Director, Cities and Local Growth Unit, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**
Lord Shipley, former Deputy Chair, Regional Growth Fund Independent Advisory Panel
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Social Policy Forum