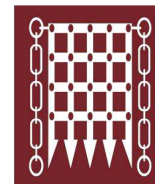


Westminster Social Policy Forum Keynote Seminar: The future for the Midlands Engine - investment, infrastructure and economic growth

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 29th November 2018

Venue: Central Birmingham



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Richard Burden MP, Member of Parliament for Birmingham Northfield
- 9.05 - 9.30 **Delivering the Midlands Engine Vision for Growth - progress and next steps**
Anthony Everitt, Programme Manager, Midlands Engine
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 10.20 **Creating an environment for economic success - connectivity, industrial priorities and promoting the Midlands as a place to live, work and visit**
Andrew Pritchard, Senior Policy Advisor, Midlands Connect

Neil Rawlinson, Strategic Development Director, Manufacturing Technology Centre

Paul Harris, Director of Economic Development, Rolls-Royce

Tim Pile, Chair, Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership; Non-Executive Director, Marshalls and Member of the Board, Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce

Christine Ashton, Executive Director, Housing, emh group
- 10.20 - 10.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 - 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Richard Burden MP, Member of Parliament for Birmingham Northfield
- 10.55 - 11.25 Coffee
- 11.25 - 11.30 **Chair's opening remarks**
Maggie Throup MP, Member of Parliament for Erewash and Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on the East Midlands
- 11.30 - 11.45 **Delivering the infrastructure needed to drive the Midlands Engine**
Greg McClymont, Cities and Urban Transport Lead, National Infrastructure Commission
- 11.45 - 12.25 **Next steps for driving regional growth - skills, investment, innovation and the Industrial Strategy**

Attracting investment to the Midlands
Grant Pegg, Director, European Funding, British Business Bank

Next steps for digital connectivity
Mark Stansfeld, Chair, Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership; Chair, giffgaff and 5G Lead, Midlands Engine

Regional skills, employment prospects and supporting the workforce
Alison Munro, Chair, National College for High Speed Rail

Collaboration in research and innovation, and the role of universities
Dr James Wilkie, Director of Enterprise and Innovation, University of Birmingham
- 12.25 - 12.55 Questions and comments from the floor with **Greg McClymont**, Cities and Urban Transport Lead, National Infrastructure Commission
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**
Maggie Throup MP, Member of Parliament for Erewash and Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on the East Midlands
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Social Policy Forum