

Policy Forum for London Keynote Seminar
Next steps for growth in the Thames Estuary:
infrastructure, delivery and developing key sectors

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 21st June 2018

Venue: Central London



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Teresa Pearce MP
- 9.05 - 9.25 **Priorities for unlocking economic growth in the Thames Estuary**
Professor Tony Travers, Director, Institute of Public Affairs and Professor, Department of Government, London School of Economics and Political Science
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 - 10.15 **Key steps for making the Thames Estuary a centre of excellence**
- Growth and the role of local authorities*
Paul Moore, Director, Place, Communities and Infrastructure, London Borough of Bexley
- Equipping workers with the right skills*
Alistair Gale, Director of Corporate Affairs and Strategy, Port of London Authority
- Case study: developing a creative industries hub*
Peter Heslip, Director, Visual Arts and London, Arts Council England
- Next steps for the Thames Estuary production corridor*
Chris Paddock, Director, Regeneris
- Extending the benefits to the whole of the South East*
Christian Brodie, Chair, South East Local Enterprise Partnership
- 10.15 - 10.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 - 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Teresa Pearce MP
- 10.45 - 11.15 Coffee
- 11.15 - 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**
Sir David Amess MP
- 11.20 - 12.00 **Infrastructure, community development and utilising the river**
- Increasing connectivity to the Thames Estuary*
Councillor Andrew Bowles, Leader, Swale Borough Council; Vice Chairman, Thames Gateway Kent Partnership and Member, Kent County Council
- Progress on new river crossings*
Beverley Waugh, Service Director, Major Projects, Atkins
- Developing communities and the potential for housing deals*
Steve Cox, Corporate Director of Place, Thurrock Council
- Unlocking the Thames Gateway - utilising the river for economic development*
Richard Longman, Head of Policy, Thames Gateway Kent Partnership
- 12.00 - 12.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 - 12.55 **Next steps for delivering the Thames Estuary 2050 Growth Commission recommendations**
Hannah Rignell, Deputy Head, London and South East, Cities and Local Growth Unit
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for London closing remarks**
Sir David Amess MP
Sam Dolton, Senior Producer, Policy Forum for London