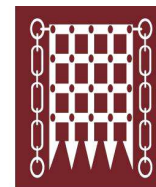


## Westminster Social Policy Forum Keynote Seminar: Funding for regional projects beyond the European Union referendum - partnerships, devolution and the transition of EU Structural and Investment Funds

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Venue: Royal Society, 6-9 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AG



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.15 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Professor John Shutt**, Professor of Employment and Regional Economic Development, Leeds Beckett University
- Developing strategies for sustainable local growth post-Brexit - new approaches and the impact of EU funding**  
*In light of the UK's decision to leave the European Union, what strategies and policy initiatives would have the best prospects of securing parity of funding and future local economic growth? With the European Regional Development Fund aiming - within a European Union context - to strengthen economic and social cohesion by correcting imbalances between different regions, and the European Social Fund seeking to support employment and social mobility, to what extent should these priorities be reflected in new strategic approaches and how could they be achieved? What examples of best practice can inform thinking on supporting inclusive growth, innovation and research, improving the prospects for SMEs, and moving to a more low-carbon economy?*
- 9.15 - 9.25 **Bev Hurley**, Chief Executive, YTKO Group
- 9.25 - 9.35 **Sandra Rothwell**, Chief Executive, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership
- 9.35 - 9.45 **Sarah Whitney**, Director, Whitney Consulting
- 9.45 - 9.55 **Chris Henning**, Director of Economic Development, Nottingham City Council
- 9.55 - 10.05 **Dr Peter Simpson**, Director, N8 Research Partnership
- 10.05 - 10.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 - 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Professor John Shutt**, Professor of Employment and Regional Economic Development, Leeds Beckett University
- 10.40 - 11.10 Coffee
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Sandra Rothwell**, Chief Executive, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership
- 11.15 - 11.45 **Co-financing projects and securing alternative models of funding**  
**Patrick Magee**, Chief Operating Officer, British Business Bank  
**Mark Richards**, Partner and Head of Projects, Energy & Infrastructure Finance, Berwin Leighton Paisner  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 - 12.55 **Implications of leaving the EU across the United Kingdom - infrastructure, employment and economic stability**  
**Stephen Gethins MP**, Member of Parliament for North East Fife and Shadow SNP Spokesperson on Europe  
**Rt Hon Alistair Carmichael MP**, Member of Parliament for Orkney and Shetland and former Secretary of State for Scotland  
Senior parliamentarian  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**  
**Sandra Rothwell**, Chief Executive, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership  
**Sam Dolton**, Producer, Westminster Social Policy Forum