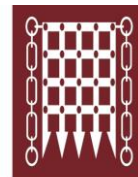


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Next steps for transport connectivity in the Midlands and North of England**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Priorities for improving transport connectivity in the Midlands and North of England**
Martin Tugwell, Chief Executive, Transport for the North
Anne Shaw, Executive Director, Transport for West Midlands
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.45 **Realising the vision for Network North and implementing the Local Transport Fund**
feasibility and delivery of proposals / identifying local needs / funding priorities
David Sidebottom, Director, Transport Focus
David Leeder, Managing Partner, Transport Investment
Senior representative, rail
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, business
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Beyond HS2 - the new landscape for connecting the Midlands and North and improving regional growth**
Senior representative, transport connectivity
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 **Next steps for devolution and transport policy**
co-ordination at a local and regional level / contributing to wider levelling up and economic objectives
Senior representative, transport planning
Senior representative, legal
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 **Longer term priorities for regional transport**
early progress of plans in Greater Manchester / municipal bus ownership / decarbonising transport systems / alternative plans for improving connectivity and achieving wider objectives
Senior representative, public body
Senior representative, decarbonisation
Senior representative, regeneration
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for transport in the Midlands and North, levelling up and achieving economic growth**
Jessica Matthew, Co-Director, Local Transport Directorate, Department for Transport
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum