

Policy Forum for London Keynote Seminar: Devolution and economic growth in London - assessing the impact of London's devolution agreement on infrastructure, competitiveness and skills

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 11th July 2017

Venue: Central London

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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Gareth Bacon AM, Leader, GLA Conservatives; Chairman, Budget and Performance Committee and Deputy Chairman, Oversight Committee, London Assembly
- 9.05 - 9.30 **The future role of tax devolution in supporting London's economic growth - key findings and implications for policy**
Professor Tony Travers, Chair, London Finance Commission and Professor, Department of Government and Director, LSE London, London School of Economics and Political Science
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 10.20 **Structuring fiscal and public service devolution - local and regional perspectives on ensuring effective governance**
- The role of local boroughs in delivering devolution and opportunities presented by sub-regional partnerships*
Sir Robin Wales, Mayor of Newham, Newham Council
- Ensuring devolution brings about intended benefits - funding, accountability and the national context*
Aileen Murphie, Director, Department for Communities and Local Government and Local Government Value for Money, National Audit Office
- City devolution - learning from the experiences of other pilots*
Senior speaker, think tank
- Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 - 10.45 **London devolution and the national policy framework**
Senior speaker to be announced
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 - 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Gareth Bacon AM, Leader, GLA Conservatives; Chairman, Budget and Performance Committee and Deputy Chairman, Oversight Committee, London Assembly
- 10.50 - 11.15 Coffee
- 11.15 - 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Shipley, Vice President, Local Government Association and former Liberal Democrat Lords Spokesperson for Communities, Decentralisation and the Northern Powerhouse
- 11.20 - 11.35 **Priorities for devolved spending and maintaining London's competitiveness**
John Dickie, Director of Strategy and Policy, London First
- 11.35 - 12.30 **Ensuring devolution delivers improvements for London's skills, people, business and infrastructure**
- Education and skills: the potential for an independent skills budget and a devolved apprenticeship levy*
Garry Phillips, Chief Executive, Ealing, Hammersmith and West London's College
- The impact of devolution on London's infrastructure and public spaces - opportunities for unlocking investment*
Judith Sykes, Director, Expedition Engineering
- Ensuring devolved powers support London's businesses*
Ufi Ibrahim, Chief Executive, British Hospitality Association
- Local housing finance and delivery: opportunities for increasing affordability and meeting demand*
Senior representative, housing
- Localised decision-making and community engagement*
Matthew Bolton, Deputy Director and Lead Organiser for London Citizens, Citizens UK
- Questions and comments from the floor with **John Dickie**, Director of Strategy and Policy, London First
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Taking forward London's economic policies in the context of devolution and Brexit**
Jeremy Skinner, Senior Manager, Growth and Enterprise, Greater London Authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for London closing remarks**
Lord Shipley, Vice President, Local Government Association and former Liberal Democrat Lords Spokesperson for Communities, Decentralisation and the Northern Powerhouse
Marc Gammon, Associate Editor, Policy Forum for London