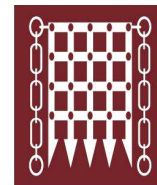


Westminster Social Policy Forum Keynote Seminar: Next steps for local economic growth - funding, infrastructure and the future of LEPs

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 14th December 2016

Venue: Glaziers Hall, 9 Montague Close, London SE1 9DD



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Shipley, Liberal Democrat Lords Spokesperson for Communities, Decentralisation and the Northern Powerhouse
- 9.05 - 9.30 **Policy priorities for local growth, devolution and regeneration**
Tom Walker, Director, Cities & Local Growth Unit
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 9.40 **Assessing the growth agenda - policy initiatives and their impact on economic growth**
James Sproule, Chief Economist and Director of Policy, Institute of Directors
- 9.40 - 9.50 **Analysing 'Brexit' - opportunities and challenges for economic growth**
Andy Rumfitt, Director of Economic Development, AECOM
- 9.50 - 10.10 **Latest thinking on growth hubs - improving business support, collaboration and funding**
Irene Graham, Chief Executive Officer, ScaleUp Institute
Gordon Merrylees, Head of Entrepreneurship, RBS, NatWest & Ulster Bank
- 10.10 - 10.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 - 11.15 **Next steps for LEPs - enterprise zones, long-term growth and skills development**
Professor Martin Boddy, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Research and Business Engagement, University of the West of England
Dr Mike Short, Vice President of Public Affairs, Telefónica and Board Member, EM3 LEP
Debbie Jackson, Assistant Director, Regeneration, Greater London Authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.15 - 11.20 **Chair's closing remarks**
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- 11.55 - 12.05 **Value for money and Local Enterprise Partnerships**
Matthew Wilkins, Analyst, Health Value for Money Studies, National Audit Office
- 12.05 - 12.15 **Case study: economic growth and skills development in Newcastle**
Helen Dickinson, Assistant Chief Executive, Newcastle City Council
- 12.15 - 12.25 **Priorities for large real estate projects - supply chain support, employment growth and investor appetite**
Paul Marsh, Head of Development and Finance, Capital Investment Directorate, Department for International Trade
- 12.25 - 12.35 **Infrastructure and the impact on local economic growth: key issues in planning, bidding for funds and development**
Paul Hammond, Divisional Director, Integrated Transport and Head, Economic and Social Development, Mott MacDonald
- 12.35 - 12.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Social Policy Forum