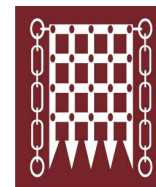


Westminster Social Policy Forum Keynote Seminar: The future of the Northern Powerhouse and the next steps for regional development

Timing: Morning, Friday, 21st April 2017

Venue: Renaissance Marriott, Blackfriars Street, Manchester M3 2EQ



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Jim McMahon MP, Shadow Minister for Communities and Local Government and Devolution
- 9.05 - 9.15 **Developing transport systems to support the Northern Powerhouse**
David Brown, Chief Executive, Transport for the North
- 9.15 - 9.25 **Case study: economic development in Greater Manchester**
Councillor Sean Anstee, Leader, Trafford Council and Conservative candidate for Mayor of Greater Manchester
- 9.25 - 9.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.40 - 10.35 **Priorities for financing and developing infrastructure for regional growth in the North of England**
Hailing Yu, China Business Advisor to the Northern Powerhouse, China-Britain Business Council
Rob Mukherjee, Head of North West Regional Business, Vodafone
Grant Pegg, Director, Venture Capital Solutions, British Business Bank
Paul Massey, General Counsel, Crowdcube
Deborah McLaughlin, Head of Housing Delivery and Strategy, GL Hearn
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 - 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Jim McMahon MP, Shadow Minister for Communities and Local Government and Devolution
- 10.40 - 11.10 Coffee
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Scriven, Councillor and former Leader, Sheffield City Council
- 11.15 - 11.25 **Next steps for the European Fund for Strategic Investments**
Janka Petocz, Legal Officer, Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission
- 11.25 - 11.35 **Ensuring value for money in devolution deals: scrutiny, accountability and responsibilities**
Aileen Murphie, Director, DCLG & Local Government Value for Money, National Audit Office
- 11.35 - 11.45 **Priorities for the Northern Powerhouse**
Rt Hon Andy Burnham MP, Labour candidate for Mayor of Greater Manchester
- 11.45 - 12.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 - 12.55 **Developing local skills and attracting businesses - enterprise, skills and innovation**
Gary Stewart, Director, Open Future UK and Wayra UK, Telefónica
Ian Kerr, Director of Professional Services, The Skills and Growth Company
Julian Cobley, Managing Director, The Skills and Growth Company, East Cheshire Borough Council
Dr Ben Fisher, Head of Business Engagement, Newcastle University
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**
Lord Scriven, Councillor and former Leader, Sheffield City Council
Sam Dolton, Producer, Westminster Social Policy Forum