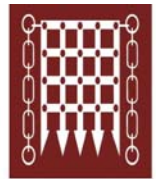


Westminster Social Policy Forum Keynote Seminar:

Regeneration in England: priorities and structures

Timing: Morning, Friday, 11th October 2013

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



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chairman's opening remarks**
Lord Harrison, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Small Business
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Rolling out the Government's local growth strategy**
Philip Cox, Director for Local Economies, Regeneration and European Programmes,
Department for Communities and Local Government
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 9.55 **EU funding and regeneration**
Sue Baxter, Deputy Director, Local Growth (EU Programmes), Department for Business, Innovation and Skills
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.55 - 10.05 **The evolving role of LEPs**
David Frost, Chair, The LEP Network
- 10.05 - 11.05 **Next steps for Local Enterprise Partnerships: funding, governance and competition**
How should LEPs shape their local growth plans following the Government's response to 'No Stone Unturned in Pursuit of Growth'? In a competitive environment, how should LEPs approach sharing best practice in targeting their funds following the Spending Review? With LEPs being passed responsibility for the distribution of EU Structural and Investment funds from mid-2014, how should they align their priorities with those of the EU's Growth Programme such as social inclusion, low carbon, skills and employment? How should LEPs prepare themselves for the introduction of competition for public sector funding in April 2015 and what are the most promising sources of private investment? With business leaders in LEPs taking over powers previously reserved for elected decision-makers, how should LEPs be accountable to their population?
Professor John Shutt, Professor of Employment and Regional Development, Leeds Business School and Director, Harris Research Partnership
Councillor William Mumford, Cabinet Member for Economy, Enterprise and Employment, Devon County Council
Cliff Prior, Chief Executive, UnLtd
Roger Hephher, Head of Planning, Savills
Robert Hough, Chair, Liverpool City Region Local Enterprise Partnership
Questions and comments from the floor with **David Frost**, Chair, The LEP Network
- 11.05 - 11.10 **Chairman's closing remarks**
Lord Harrison, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Small Business
- 11.10 - 11.40 Coffee
- 11.40 - 11.45 **Chairman's opening remarks**
Professor John Shutt, Professor of Employment and Regional Development, Leeds Business School and Director, Harris Research Partnership
- Keynote panel: Creating the conditions for growth**
- 11.45 - 11.55 **"No Stone Unturned, No Opportunity Unspurned: Heseltine a year on"**
Keith Burge, Chair, Institute of Economic Development
- 11.55 - 12.05 **The potential of City Deals**
Councillor Sir Albert Bore, Leader, Birmingham City Council
- 12.05 - 12.15 **The small business perspective**
Martin McTague, Local Government Chairman, Federation of Small Businesses
- 12.15 - 12.25 **The availability of communications infrastructure**
James Thickett, Director of Nations and Market Developments, Ofcom
- 12.25 - 12.35 **The role of housing in supporting regeneration projects**
Rachel Fisher, Head of Homes and Land, National Housing Federation
- 12.35 - 12.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chairman's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**
Professor John Shutt, Professor of Employment and Regional Development, Leeds Business School and Director, Harris Research Partnership
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Social Policy Forum