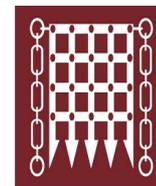


**Westminster Social Policy Forum Keynote Seminar:
Next steps for the Northern Powerhouse - investment, infrastructure and innovation**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 14th April 2016

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



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Rt Hon the Baroness Hughes of Stretford
- 9.05 - 9.15 **The policy landscape for devolution and the role of cities**
Nigel Wilcock, Executive Director, Institute for Economic Development
- 9.15 - 9.45 **Case study: economic development in Greater Manchester**
Councillor Sean Anstee, Leader, Trafford Council
Questions and comments from the floor with **Nigel Wilcock**, Executive Director, Institute for Economic Development
- Priorities for infrastructure - connectivity, collaboration and finance**
- 9.45 - 9.55 **Adam Jupp**, Head of External Affairs, Manchester Airport
- 9.55 - 10.05 **Ken Cooper**, Managing Director, Regional and Venture Capital Solutions, British Business Bank
- 10.05 - 10.15 **Stephen McFarlane**, Head of Community and Stakeholder Engagement for Phase Two, HS2
- 10.15 - 10.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 - 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Rt Hon the Baroness Hughes of Stretford
- 10.45 - 11.20 Coffee
- 11.20 - 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Mike Kane MP, Member of Parliament for Wythenshawe and Sale East
- Attracting businesses and investment - enterprise, skills and innovation**
- 11.25 - 11.35 **Dr Peter Simpson**, Director, N8 Research Partnership
- 11.35 - 11.45 **Robin Phillips**, Finance Director, Siemens Digital Factory & Process Industries and Drives
- 11.45 - 11.55 **Guy Parker**, Senior Policy Adviser, Confederation of British Industry
- 11.55 - 12.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 - 12.55 **Next steps for devolution and the Northern Powerhouse**
Kirsty Pearce, Deputy Director, Business Innovation and Skills North West, Cities and Local Growth Unit
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**
Mike Kane MP, Member of Parliament for Wythenshawe and Sale East
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Social Policy Forum