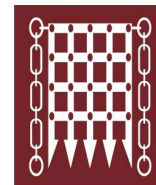


**Westminster Social Policy Forum keynote seminar**  
**Devolution and growth deals in England - future rollout, local powers, and economic recovery and development in the wake of COVID-19**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Rt Hon the Lord Paul Tyler**, Vice Chair, Devolution All-Party Parliamentary Group
- 9.05 **Assessing the current landscape for devolution in England**  
**Professor Joyce Little**, Director, Research and Knowledge Exchange, Newcastle Business School
- 9.20 **Case study: responding to COVID-19 and supporting local economic recovery**  
**Tim Bowles**, Mayor, West of England Combined Authority
- 9.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.55 Break
- 10.00 **Priorities for future devolution in England - collaboration, greater budgetary control, and empowering local approaches as part of the recovery from COVID-19 and in future crises**  
**Sean Hanson**, Chief Executive, Local Partnerships
- Jessie Hamshar**, Director, Strategy and Engagement, Cornwall Council
- Melanie Corcoran**, Director, Delivery, West Yorkshire Combined Authority
- James Stevens**, Director, Cities, Home Builders Federation
- Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Rt Hon the Lord Paul Tyler**, Vice Chair, Devolution All-Party Parliamentary Group
- 11.05 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Lord Soley**, Vice Chair, Devolution All-Party Parliamentary Group
- 11.15 **Devolution as a driver of regional development - attracting investment, supporting economic recovery, implementing local industrial strategies, and enhancing local infrastructure**  
**Simon Edwards**, Director, County Councils Network
- Deborah Fraser**, Director, Regions, Confederation of British Industry
- Dean Cook**, Head of Regional Engagement, Innovate UK
- Councillor Sean Fielding**, Leader, Oldham Council
- Laura Shoaf**, Managing Director, Transport for West Midlands
- Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 Break
- 12.25 **The policy outlook for devolution and growth deals across England**  
**Ed Wagstaff**, Deputy Director, Cities and Local Growth Unit
- Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum's closing remarks**  
**Lord Soley**, Vice Chair, Devolution All-Party Parliamentary Group  
**Michael Ryan**, Deputy Editor, Westminster Social Policy Forum