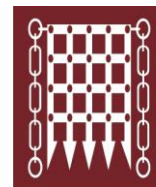


**Westminster Social Policy Forum keynote seminar**  
**Regional inequalities and assessing the Government's levelling up policy framework - priorities, funding mechanisms, implementation, and targeting need across the UK**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Peter Gibson MP**, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Town Centres
- 9.05 **The outlook for supporting economic growth and regeneration across the UK**  
**Bev Hurley**, Chair, Institute of Economic Development; and Chief Executive, YTKO Group
- 9.20 **Priorities for taking forward the Levelling Up Fund, delivering 'real impact' for left-behind regions, tackling the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on growth, and ensuring a fair bidding process for projects**  
**Andrew McPhillips**, Chief Economist, Northern Powerhouse Partnership  
**Mark Duddridge**, Chair, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly LEP  
**Mark Richards**, Partner, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner  
Senior representative, local authority  
Senior representative, connectivity
- 10.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 Break
- 10.35 **Major infrastructure development and regeneration to support economic recovery and growth**  
**Stephen Dance**, Head of Infrastructure Delivery, Infrastructure and Projects Authority  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Peter Gibson MP**, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Town Centres
- 11.05 Break
- 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Kevin Hollinrake MP**, Co-Chair, Northern Powerhouse All-Party Parliamentary Group
- 11.20 **Transitioning towards the Shared Prosperity Fund, and priorities for supporting devolved nations and addressing regional inequality**  
**Councillor Rob Stewart**, Leader, City and County of Swansea Council  
**Professor Tony Travers**, Professor in Practice, Department of Government, London School of Economics and Political  
Senior representative, Scotland  
Senior representative, NI  
Senior representative, England  
Science  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Taking forward the Levelling Up Fund and the wider vision for policy going forward**  
Senior representative, policy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**  
**Kevin Hollinrake MP**, Co-Chair, Northern Powerhouse All-Party Parliamentary Group  
**Michael Ryan**, Deputy Editor, Westminster Social Policy Forum