

Westminster Social Policy Forum Keynote Seminar
Next steps for English towns - priorities for investment, infrastructure,
and implementing Town Deals

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 10th June 2020

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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Rt Hon the Lord Bassam of Brighton
- 9.05 - 9.35 **The policy outlook for English Towns**
Beatrice Andrews, Head of Deals, Cities & Local Growth Unit
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 9.45 **Supporting prosperity and learning from successful town regeneration projects**
Dr Kris Declercq, Mayor, Roeselare, Belgium
- 9.45 - 10.50 **Priorities for making best use of the Towns Fund, developing Town Investment Plans and linking with Local Industrial Strategies**

David Kerfoot, Chair, York and North Yorkshire Enterprise Partnership and High Sheriff, North Yorkshire

Jason Jones-Hall, Project Director, Pioneering Places East Kent

Michelle Sacks, Director, Growth and Deputy Chief Executive, Boston Borough Council

Senior representative, local authority

Questions and comments from the floor with **Dr Kris Declercq**, Mayor, Roeselare, Belgium
- 10.50 - 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Rt Hon the Lord Bassam of Brighton
- 10.55 - 11.20 Coffee
- 11.20 - 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.25 - 11.35 **Meeting the housing needs of local communities and making sure the right type of housing is in the right place**
Gareth Swarbrick, Chief Executive, Rochdale Boroughwide Housing
- 11.35 - 11.45 **Developing local transport networks, improving bus services and integrating services effectively**
Senior representative, transport
- 11.45 - 12.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 - 12.50 **The future for supporting local economic growth - improving the cultural offering in town centres, repurposing property, utilising investment and supporting local retailers**
Sue Morgan, Director, Architecture and the Built Environment, Design Council
Claudia Kenyatta, Director, Regions, Historic England
Matt Leach, Chief Executive Officer, LocalTrust
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, retail
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.50 - 12.55 **Concluding remarks**
Senior speaker to be announced
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Social Policy Forum