

**Policy Forum for London keynote seminar**  
**Next steps for growth in the Thames Estuary - infrastructure, governance and linking Local Industrial Strategies**

Timing: Morning, Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020

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**POLICY FORUM  
FOR LONDON**

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Jackie Doyle-Price MP**, Member of Parliament for Thurrock
- 9.05 - 9.30 **Priorities for the Thames Estuary and delivering regional growth**  
**Dr Ioannis Bournakis**, Senior Lecturer, Economics, Middlesex University  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 9.35 Break
- Developing infrastructure that creates the optimum conditions for sustainable development**
- 9.35 - 9.45 *Increasing the supply of new homes, and the future role of housing deals and development corporations*  
**Ashley Hook**, Chief Executive, mhs homes group
- 9.45 - 9.55 *Ensuring housing delivery supports growth and provides maximum benefit to local communities*  
**Duncan Innes**, Project Director, Swan Housing Association
- 9.55 - 10.05 *Next steps for delivering the Lower Thames Crossing*  
**David Manning**, Development Director, Lower Thames Crossing
- 10.05 - 10.15 *'Thames Estuary in Climate Emergency: Challenges and Opportunities'*  
**Anusha Shah**, Director, Resilient Cities, Arcadis
- 10.15 - 10.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 - 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Jackie Doyle-Price MP**, Member of Parliament for Thurrock
- 10.55 - 11.05 Break
- 11.05 - 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Leonie Cooper AM**, Chair, Economy Committee, London Assembly
- 11.10 - 11.40 **Strengthening regional governance structures and reducing barriers to growth**  
**Councillor Roger Gough**, Leader, Kent County Council  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 - 11.45 Break
- Priorities for unlocking economic growth in the Thames Estuary and implementing a coordinated growth strategy**
- 11.45 - 11.55 *Priorities for the Estuary's forthcoming Local Industrial Strategies*  
**Sarah Dance**, Deputy Chair, South East Local Enterprise Partnership
- 11.55 - 12.05 *Developing skills and growing employment in the region*  
**Joanne Giles**, Director, Apprenticeships and Employer Engagement, South Essex College
- 12.05 - 12.15 *Improving the cultural offering in the estuary and supporting the development of creative businesses*  
**Hedley Swain**, Area Director, South East, Arts Council England
- 12.15 - 12.25 *Next steps for regeneration and growth across the South East*  
**Matthew Norwell**, Chief Executive, Thames Gateway Kent Partnership
- 12.25 - 12.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Leonie Cooper AM**, Chair, Economy Committee, London Assembly