

Westminster Social Policy Forum
Next steps for the Northern Powerhouse
Timing: Morning, Thursday, 20th January 2022
*****Taking Place Online*****



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Kevin Hollinrake MP, Co-Chair, Northern Powerhouse All-Party Parliamentary Group
- 9.05 **The future of the Northern Powerhouse - driving economic development and recovery and what the Government's wider levelling up agenda means for the region**
Henri Murrison, Director, Northern Powerhouse Partnership
- 9.20 **Engaging with business to support balanced growth across the North and building on regional expertise to enhance competitiveness**
Senior representative, business
- 9.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.55 Break
- 10.00 **Developing infrastructure to boost economic growth and regeneration - enhancing local job creation and priorities for raising productivity across the region as it recovers from the impact of the pandemic**
Paul Hirst, Head of Transport Sector, Addleshaw Goddard
Liam Robinson, Transport Portfolio Holder, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority
Councillor Arooj Shah, Leader, Oldham Council; and Cabinet Member for Economic and Social Reform, Greater Manchester Combined Authority
Senior representative, industry
Senior representative, digital
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
Kevin Hollinrake MP, Co-Chair, Northern Powerhouse All-Party Parliamentary Group
- 11.05 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 **Developing world class education, research and development systems in the Powerhouse - meeting the regions skills needs and encouraging innovation to meet net-zero and public health targets**
Professor Louise Kenny, Executive Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Faculty Management Office, Faculty of Health & Life Sciences, University of Liverpool
Dr Annette Bramley, Director, N8 Research Partnership
Steve Foxley, Chief Executive, Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre
Michelle Rainbow, Skills Director, North East Local Enterprise Partnership
Councillor Elise Wilson, Leader, Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council
Senior representative, data
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 Break
- 12.25 **Priorities for taking forward the Levelling Up White Paper and linking with economic development across the North of England**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Social Policy Forum