

**Westminster Social Policy Forum keynote seminar:**  
**Next steps for the Oxford to Cambridge pan-regional partnership**  
*Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024*  
**\*\*\*Taking place online\*\*\***



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Lord Lansley**
- 9.05 **Next steps for the Oxford to Cambridge region - strengthening the region's capabilities, and fostering regional development**  
**Dipesh Shah**, Independent Chair, Oxford to Cambridge Partnership  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Priorities for pan-regional development**  
*initiatives and strategies for developing a sustainable economy / innovation and technology / unlocking investment / promoting global position of the region*  
**Duncan McCunn**, CEO, Cambridge&  
**Dan Thorp**, CEO, Cambridge Ahead  
Senior academic  
Senior representative, local authority  
Senior representative, business  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Putting in place the enablers of regional growth**  
**Olga Kozlova**, Director, Innovation and Engagement, University of Oxford  
**Alistair Lomax**, Director, Arc Universities Group  
Senior representative, local authority  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Lord Lansley**
- 11.10 Break
- 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.25 **The future of the East-West rail project and proposals for regional connectivity**  
**Naomi Green**, Director, England's Economic Heartland
- 11.35 **Next steps for regional development, infrastructure and the environment**  
*harnessing innovation and technology / enhancing transport and infrastructure to improve regional connectivity / fostering collaboration to achieve better outcomes for communities and the housing sector*  
**Bill Cotton**, Corporate Director, Environment and Place, Oxfordshire County Council  
**David Bainbridge**, Director, Planning, Savills  
Senior speaker confirmed from **Natural England**  
Senior representative, housing  
Senior representative, communities
- 12.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for the Oxford to Cambridge region**  
Senior representative, policy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Sean Cudmore**, Westminster Social Policy Forum