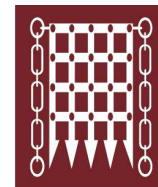


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**Developing the Oxford-MK-Cambridge Arc economy - implementing the economic vision, building on the region's research base and priorities in the wake of COVID-19**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Councillor Lewis Herbert**, Leader, Cambridge City Council
- 9.05 **The path to a single economic vision for the Oxford-MK-Cambridge Arc and key priorities in the wake of COVID-19**  
**Hilary Chipping**, Chief Executive, SEMLEP and Productivity Group Member, Ox-Cambridge Arc  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 Break
- 9.30 **Developing strategic infrastructure, implementing an overarching transport strategy and improving East-West connectivity**  
**Martin Tugwell**, Programme Director, England's Economic Heartland and President, Chartered Institute for Highways and Transportation
- 9.40 **Bringing the four LIS together and implementing the economic vision for the Arc - skills, infrastructure development, and business support across the Arc**  
**James Palmer**, Mayor, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority  
**Councillor Barry Wood**, Chair, Arc Leaders Group and Leader, Cherwell District Council  
**Professor Jim Hall**, Professor of Climate and Environmental Risks and Director, Environmental Change Institute, University of Oxford  
**Will Gallagher**, Strategy Director, East West Railway Company  
**Ian Pryce**, Chief Executive, Bedford College  
Questions and comments from the floor with **Martin Tugwell**, Programme Director, England's Economic Heartland and President, Chartered Institute for Highways and Transportation
- 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Councillor Lewis Herbert**, Leader, Cambridge City Council
- 10.40 Break
- 10.50 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Councillor Alex Walker**, Leader of the Conservative Group, Milton Keynes Council
- 10.55 **Building on the region's research base - priorities for investment in new technologies, industry-university collaboration, developing clusters, and the continuing contribution to tackling COVID-19**  
**Alistair Lomax**, Director, Arc Universities Group  
**Brian Eversham**, Chief Executive, Wildlife Trust BCNP and Visiting Professor, Cranfield University  
**Tony Hart**, Head of Smart Oxford, Oxford City Council  
**Roz Bird**, Chair, Silverstone Technology Cluster and Commercial Director, MEPC Silverstone Park  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 Break
- 11.45 **What next for the region's brand and attracting inward investment**  
**Matt Allen**, Business Development and Marketing Director, Bidwells  
**Ian Sandison**, Chief Executive, Cambridge BID  
**Dr Stuart Wilkinson**, Head, Knowledge Exchange and Impact Team, University of Oxford  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for growing the Oxford, Milton Keynes and Cambridge Arc economy and COVID-19 recovery**  
**Bridget Rosewell**, Commissioner, National Infrastructure Commission  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**  
**Councillor Alex Walker**, Leader of the Conservative Group, Milton Keynes Council  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Westminster Business Forum