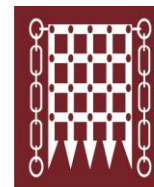


## Westminster Social Policy Forum policy conference

### Next steps for the Oxford-Cambridge Arc

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Jonathan Djanogly MP**, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for East of England
- 9.05 **Taking forward the Oxford-Cambridge Arc and regional economic development**  
**Bev Hindle**, Executive Director, Oxford-Cambridge Arc Leadership Group
- 9.20 **The role of local government in the Arc's development**  
**Dr Nik Johnson**, Mayor, Cambridge & Peterborough Combined Authority
- 9.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.45 Break
- 9.50 **The Oxford-Cambridge Arc Spatial Framework - regional expansion and sustainable growth, long-term investment, and project coordination**  
**Councillor Richard Wenham**, Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources, Central Bedfordshire Council  
**Matt Jackson**, Conservation Director, The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire & Northamptonshire  
Senior representative, business  
Senior representative, infrastructure  
Senior representative, housing  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Jonathan Djanogly MP**, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for East of England
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 **Improving transport connectivity to support economic development and mobility across the region**  
**Darren Roe**, Managing Director, Stagecoach East  
**Will Gallagher**, Strategy Director, East West Rail  
Senior representative, investment
- 11.15 **Developing local environment strategy, a green Arc, and net-zero targets**  
**Emma Marsh**, Director, RSPB England  
**Councillor Harriet Pentland**, Executive Member for Climate and Green Environment, North Northamptonshire Council
- 11.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **Supporting the region's research and innovation clusters and their role in the Arc's future development**  
**Professor Andy Neely**, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Enterprise & Business Relations, University of Cambridge  
**Hilary Chipping**, Chief Executive, South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership  
Senior representative, industry  
Senior representative, research  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 Break
- 12.35 **Priorities for the future of the Oxford-Cambridge Arc**  
Senior representative, policy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Westminster Social Policy Forum