

Westminster Social Policy Forum keynote seminar

The Oxford-Cambridge Arc - next steps for infrastructure development, taking forward the shared vision and industrial strategies, and supporting economic recovery

Timing: Morning, Friday, 26th March 2021

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8.30 Registration

9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**

Senior Parliamentarian

9.05 **Supporting economic development across the Arc**

Bridget Rosewell, Commissioner, National Infrastructure Commission

Questions and comments from the floor

9.35 Break

9.40 **Key takeaways from the Economic Prospectus and progress on project delivery**

Councillor Barry Wood, Leader, Cherwell District Council and Chair, The Arc Leaders Group

Questions and comments from the floor

Boosting economic growth in the region in the wake of the pandemic and taking forward the Arc Spatial Framework

10.10 *Priorities for attracting high-performing industries, investing in skills and improving productivity*

Claire Ruskin, Executive Director, Cambridge Network

10.20 *Next steps for establishing the Arc as global leader in R&D and innovation*

Senior representative, university

10.30 *Developing a joined-up approach to the implementation of the Local Industrial Strategies*

Bev Hindle, Strategic Director, Oxfordshire County Council

10.40 Questions and comments from the floor

10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**

Senior Parliamentarian

11.00 Break

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Delivering infrastructure to unlock the Arc's potential

11.15 *Streamlining connectivity, engaging communities, and reducing barriers to growth*

James Palmer, Mayor, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority

11.25 *Housing delivery in the Arc and levelling up communities*

Councillor Susan Brown, Leader, Oxford City Council

11.35 *Upgrading transport infrastructure to support growth*

Senior speaker confirmed from **East West Rail**

11.45 *Priorities for ensuring species and landscapes protection in the Arc and moving towards net zero*

Dr Paul Leinster, Professor of Environmental Assessment, Cranfield University

11.55 Questions and comments from the floor

12.20 Break

12.25 **Key policy priorities for developing the Arc**

Kris Krasnowski, Deputy Director, Housing Delivery, Oxford-Cambridge Arc

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