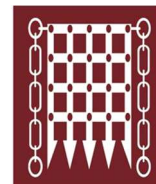


Westminster Social Policy Forum keynote seminar

Next steps for the Western Gateway - local collaboration, supporting key drivers for growth, and coordinating with central government policy

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Priorities for driving forward the Western Gateway - collaboration, coordination and supporting economic growth**
Councillor Dine Romero, Leader, Bath and North East Somerset Council
Councillor Craig Cheney, Deputy Mayor, Bristol City Council
Councillor Huw Thomas, Leader, Cardiff Council
Councillor Jane Mudd, Leader, Newport City Council
Councillor Rob Stewart, Leader, Swansea Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.25 Break
- 10.35 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.40 **The role of Local Enterprise Partnerships in supporting growth across the region and linking developments with existing growth plans and Local Industrial Strategies**
Paddy Bradley, Chief Executive Officer, Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership
- 10.50 **The way forward for developing and supporting industry, enterprise, and research and development in the Western Gateway region**
James Tappenden, Fibre First Director, Openreach
Andrew Harston, Director, Wales and Short Sea Ports, Associated British Ports
Andy Sellars, Strategic Development Director, CSA Catapult
Professor Steven West, Vice-Chancellor, President and Chief Executive Officer, University of the West of England and Chair, West of England LEP
Questions and comments from the floor with **Paddy Bradley**, Chief Executive Officer, Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership
- 11.40 Break
- 11.45 **Developing the Western Gateway**
Katherine Bennett, Senior Vice President, Airbus and Chair, Western Gateway
Questions and comments from the floor
- Key central government priorities for the Western Gateway**
- 12.15 *Developing the South-West of England and South Wales as an economic region - fostering effective partnerships between central and local government*
Stephen Jones, Director, Cities and Local Growth Unit, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
- 12.25 *Promoting trade and inward investment and developing the Western Gateway's international profile*
Paul Shand, Head of Trade, South West England, Department for International Trade
- 12.35 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