

**Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:
Next steps for transport connectivity in the Midlands and North of England**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 9th May 2024

*****Taking place online*****



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum
- 9.05 **Priorities for improving transport connectivity in the Midlands and North of England**
Martin Tugwell, Chief Executive, Transport for the North
David Harris, Transport Strategy and Place Manager, Transport for West Midlands
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.45 **Realising the vision for Network North and implementing the Local Transport Fund**
feasibility and delivery of proposals / identifying local needs / funding priorities
David Sidebottom, Director, Transport Focus
David Leeder, Managing Partner, Transport Investment
Mark Casci, Head of Policy and Representation, West and North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce
Henri Murison, Chief Executive, Northern Powerhouse Partnership
Rob Warnes, Strategic Development Director, Northern Trains
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Beyond HS2 - the new landscape for connecting the Midlands and North and improving regional growth**
Andrew Meaney, Partner, Head of Transport, Oxera
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Rt Hon Lord McLoughlin, Chair, Transport for the North and former Secretary of State for Transport (2012-2016)
- 11.15 **Assessing the progress of NIA2 and priorities for regional transport infrastructure planning**
Andrew Jones, Transport Lead, National Infrastructure Commission
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Next steps for devolution and the future of regional transport**
co-ordination at a local and regional level / contributing to wider levelling up and economic objectives / municipal bus ownership / decarbonising transport systems / alternative plans for improving connectivity
Ian Baker, Director, Transport Planning Team, WSP
Tim Fawcett, Birmingham Cities Lead, Mott MacDonald
Dr Alasdair MacDonald, Regional Director, Midlands Rail Alliance
Anne Marie Purcell, Chief Transformation Officer, Transport for Greater Manchester
Martin Dean, Managing Director for Regional Bus, Go-Ahead Group
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for transport in the Midlands and North, levelling up and achieving economic growth**
Jessica Matthew, Co-Director, Local Transport Directorate, Department for Transport
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum