

**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

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Rt Hon Lord McLoughlin, Chair, Transport for the North and former Secretary of State for Transport (2012-2016)
- 9.05 **Priorities for improving transport connectivity in the Midlands and North of England**
Martin Tugwell, Chief Executive, Transport for the North
Anne Shaw, Executive Director, 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
Senior representative, rail
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, business
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Beyond HS2 - the new landscape for connecting the Midlands and North and improving regional growth**
Senior representative, transport connectivity
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Rt Hon Lord McLoughlin, Chair, Transport for the North and former Secretary of State for Transport (2012-2016)
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Shipley, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for City Regions Transport
- 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
Senior representative, public body
Senior representative, decarbonisation
Senior representative, legal
Senior commentator
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 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Lord Shipley, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for City Regions Transport
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum