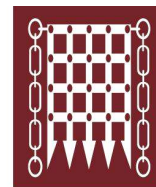


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Next steps for transport in the North of England - devolution of transport powers, infrastructure investment, and improving regional connectivity

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- 8.30 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Graham Stringer MP, Chair, City Regions Transport APPG
- 9.05 **Assessing the devolution of transport powers to the North of England**
Ben Smith, Director, Regions, Cities and Devolution, Department of Transport
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Next steps for combined authorities - utilising transport powers, investing in infrastructure and creating a sustainable transport network**
Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Greater Manchester Combined Authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.00 Break
- 10.05 **Priorities for northern transport - funding arrangements, project delivery and improving passenger experiences**
David Sidebottom, Director, Transport Focus
Neil Connor, Client Executive, Transport Operators, Fujitsu
Adrian Kemp, Director, WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff
Anna Heaton, Partner, Real Estate and co-head, Transport Sector, Addleshaw Goddard
Commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 **Chair's closing remarks**
Graham Stringer MP, Chair, City Regions Transport APPG
- 11.10 Break
- 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- Increasing regional connectivity - creating capacity on the transport network, supporting regional growth, and upgrading infrastructure**
- 11.25 **Developing international connectivity across the North of England - increasing transport links to major airports and driving regional growth**
Adam Jupp, Corporate Affairs Director, Manchester Airport
- 11.35 **Investment in the strategic road network and responding to increased road traffic demand**
Senior speaker confirmed from **Highways England**
- 11.45 **Upgrading the North's rail infrastructure - the Great North Rail Project**
Anna-Jane Hunter, Director for Rail in the North, Network Rail
- 11.55 **The future of High Speed 2, and implications for the wider transport network and services**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
- 12.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 Break
- 12.35 **The future of Northern Powerhouse Rail**
Tim Wood, Northern Powerhouse Rail Director, Transport for the North
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum