

## Westminster Social Policy Forum keynote seminar:

### Next steps for devolution in Greater Manchester

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Next steps for the Greater Manchester devolution deal - key opportunities and challenges**  
Senior academic
- 9.15 **Driving enablers of economic growth in Greater Manchester - regional-specific skills, education and investment**  
*future growth possibilities under new devolution measures | the role of foreign direct investment in delivering economic growth and employment opportunities | regional approaches to employment support and rollout of local 'Live Well' services | Greater Manchester Baccalaureate and other measures to deliver regionally-specific jobs | strategies for job creation | delivering green growth and meeting net zero targets by 2038 | targeted approaches for delivering growth across the region*  
**Professor Mandy Parkinson**, Director, The Growth Company; and Professor, Business Innovation, University of Salford  
Senior representative, local authority  
Senior representative, education  
Senior representative, business
- 9.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.00 **Population health in Greater Manchester**  
Senior representative, health
- 10.10 **Stakeholder perspectives on approaches to housing and homelessness in the region**  
*assessing progress under the Housing First scheme and Places for Everyone Plan | retrofitting to improve energy efficiency and safety | delivering council and affordable housing targets | collaboration with the private sector and international investment to deliver housebuilding targets | measures to support those facing housing insecurity | collaboration with the third sector and the long-term plan to end homelessness*  
**Hannah Courtney-Adamson**, Head, Strategic Housing (People), Rochdale Borough Council  
Senior representative, social housing  
Senior representative, construction
- 10.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 **Implementing Greater Manchester's new integrated funding settlement**  
Senior representative, policy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Priorities for inter-regional collaboration and achieving effective delivery of public transport services**  
*connecting Greater Manchester and the West Midlands | exploring the legacy of HS2 | Liverpool - Manchester Railway Partnership Board | next steps for the Bee Network | future possibilities for cross-regional collaboration | private investment opportunities to deliver large rail projects | collaboration with National Government to deliver new infrastructure | decarbonising transport in the region*  
**Professor Paul Plummer**, Director, Centre for Railway Research and Education, University of Birmingham  
Senior representative, rail  
Senior representative, buses  
Senior representative, transport  
Senior representative, combined authority  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 **The vision for the Greater Manchester region moving forward**  
**Andy Burnham**, Mayor, Greater Manchester; and Chair, Greater Manchester Combined Authority  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Sean Cudmore**, Westminster Social Policy Forum