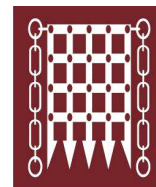


Westminster Social Policy Forum keynote Seminar: The future for the Midlands Engine - the refreshed strategy, and priorities for infrastructure and economic development

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 28th November 2019

Venue: Central Birmingham



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Jeremy Lefroy MP, Co-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for the West Midlands
- 9.05 - 9.35 **The future of the Midlands Engine**
Anthony May, Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire County Council and Chair, Midlands Engine Operating Board
Questions and comments from the floor
- Developing and delivering infrastructure across the region to support economic growth**
- 9.35 - 9.45 *Meeting the transport challenges and improving connectivity across the region*
Kate Emerson, Director and Strategic Transport Modelling Lead, WSP
- 9.45 - 9.55 *Priorities for digital connectivity - realising the benefits of full fibre and 5G*
Carl Arntzen, Chief Executive Officer, Bosch Thermotechnology
- 9.55 - 10.05 *Ensuring the right type of housing is in the right place to support growth*
Senior representative, housing
- 10.05 - 10.15 *Challenges for establishing the East Midlands Development Corporation*
Robbie Owen, Partner and Head, Infrastructure Planning and Government Affairs, Pinsent Masons
- Attracting investment to the Midlands*
10.15 - 10.25 **Grant Pegg**, Director, Venture Capital Solutions, British Business Bank
- 10.25 - 10.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 - 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Jeremy Lefroy MP, Co-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for the West Midlands
- 10.55 - 11.25 Coffee
- 11.25 - 11.30 **Chair's opening remarks**
Alex Norris MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for the East Midlands
- 11.30 - 11.40 **Engaging with business and supporting the delivery of Local Industrial Strategies**
Katie Trout, Director, Greater Birmingham & Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership
- 11.40 - 11.50 **Developing the skills needed to drive the Midlands Engine**
Angela Joyce, Chief Executive Officer, WCG and Midlands Engine Skills Board Chair
- 11.50 - 12.00 **Supporting the Midlands as a manufacturing hub**
Senior representative, manufacturing
- 12.00 - 12.10 **Developing international partnerships and attracting international investment**
Simon Hall, Deputy Director, Midlands, Department for International Trade
- 12.10 - 12.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Next steps for policy and the refreshed strategy**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**
Alex Norris MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for the East Midlands
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Social Policy Forum