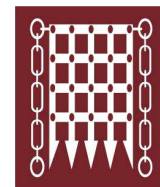


**Westminster Social Policy Forum Keynote Seminar: The future for the Northern Powerhouse - infrastructure, economic growth and the refreshed Northern Powerhouse strategy**

*Timing: Morning, Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019*

*Venue: Central Manchester*



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 - 9.20 **The future of the Northern Powerhouse and priorities for growing the economy in the North of England**  
**Henri Murison**, Director, Northern Powerhouse Partnership
- 9.20 - 9.35 **Developing the Powerhouse to deliver for business**  
**Professor Jeurgen Maier**, Chief Executive, Siemens UK and Board Member, Northern Powerhouse Partnership
- 9.35 - 9.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- Priorities for financing and developing infrastructure to support economic growth**
- 9.50 - 10.00 *Delivering transport improvements across the region and the future for Northern Powerhouse Rail*  
**Tim Wood**, Northern Powerhouse Rail Director, Transport for the North
- 10.00 - 10.10 *Challenges for improving digital connectivity across the North of England*  
Senior representative, digital connectivity
- 10.10 - 10.20 *Ongoing progress on HS2 and its role in the Northern Powerhouse project*  
Senior representative, transport
- 10.20 - 10.30 *Driving investment in the Northern Powerhouse and the potential of new approaches to project finance*  
**Grant Pegg**, Director, Venture Capital Solutions, British Business Bank
- 10.30 - 10.40 *Key issues for housebuilding and the impact of national housing policy*  
Senior representative, local authority
- 10.40 - 11.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 - 11.45 Coffee
- 11.45 - 11.50 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.50 - 12.00 **Delivering economic growth for the whole of the North of England and next steps for devolution in Yorkshire**  
**Councillor Judith Blake**, Leader, Leeds City Council
- 12.00 - 12.10 **Developing the skills needed to support innovation, research and growth in the region**  
Senior representative, university
- 12.10 - 12.20 **Working in partnership with neighbouring regions to deliver success**  
Senior representative, regional body
- 12.20 - 12.35 **Next steps for policy and the refreshed Northern Powerhouse strategy**  
Senior speaker to be confirmed
- 12.35 - 12.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Michael Ryan**, Deputy Editor, Westminster Social Policy Forum