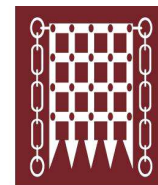


Westminster Social Policy Forum Keynote Seminar: The future for the Midlands Engine - investment, infrastructure and economic growth

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 29th November 2018

Venue: Birmingham Repertory Theatre, Centenary Square, Broad Street, Birmingham B1 2EP



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Richard Burden MP, Member of Parliament for Birmingham Northfield
- 9.05 - 9.30 **Delivering the Midlands Engine Vision for Growth - progress and next steps**
Professor Iain Gillespie, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Research and Enterprise, University of Leicester
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 10.20 **Creating an environment for economic success - connectivity, industrial priorities and promoting the Midlands as a place to live, work and visit**
Andrew Pritchard, Senior Policy Advisor, Midlands Connect
- Steve Statham**, Associate Director, Emerging Markets, Manufacturing Technology Company
- Paul Harris**, Director of Economic Development, Rolls-Royce
- Tim Pile**, Chair, Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership
- Chris Ashton**, Executive Director, Housing, emh group
- 10.20 - 10.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 - 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Richard Burden MP, Member of Parliament for Birmingham Northfield
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Chris Ashton, Executive Director, Housing, emh group
- 11.30 - 11.45 **Delivering the infrastructure needed to drive the Midlands Engine**
Greg McClymont, Cities and Urban Transport Lead, National Infrastructure Commission
- 11.45 - 12.25 **Next steps for driving regional growth - skills, investment, innovation and the Industrial Strategy**
- Attracting investment to the Midlands**
Geoff Whiteland, UKN Director, North and Midlands, British Business Bank
- Next steps for digital connectivity**
Mark Stansfeld, Chair, Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership; Chair, giffgaff and 5G Lead, Midlands Engine
- Regional skills, employment prospects and supporting the workforce**
Alison Munro, Chair, National College for High Speed Rail
- Collaboration in research and innovation, and the role of universities**
Dr James Wilkie, CEO, University of Birmingham Enterprise
- 12.25 - 12.55 Questions and comments from the floor with **Greg McClymont**, Cities and Urban Transport Lead, National Infrastructure Commission
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**
Chris Ashton, Executive Director, Housing, emh group
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Social Policy Forum