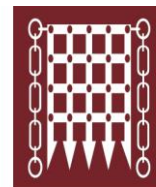


Westminster Social Policy Forum keynote seminar
Regional inequalities and assessing the Government's levelling up policy framework - priorities, funding mechanisms, implementation, and targeting need across the UK

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Berkeley, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Infrastructure
- 9.10 **The outlook for supporting economic growth and regeneration across the UK**
Bev Hurley, Chair, Institute of Economic Development; and Chief Executive, YTKO Group
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.40 Break
- 9.50 **Priorities for taking forward the Levelling Up Fund, delivering 'real impact' for left-behind regions, tackling the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on growth, and ensuring a fair bidding process for projects**
Andrew McPhillips, Chief Economist, Northern Powerhouse Partnership
- Mark Duddridge**, Chair, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly LEP
- Mark Richards**, Partner, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner
- Tim Johnson**, Chief Executive, City of Wolverhampton Council
- Professor Emma Hunt**, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Arts University Bournemouth
- Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.20 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Berkeley, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Infrastructure
- 11.25 Break
- 11.35 **Chair's opening remarks**
Kevin Hollinrake MP, Co-Chair, Northern Powerhouse All-Party Parliamentary Group
- 11.40 **Major infrastructure development and regeneration to support economic recovery and growth**
Stephen Dance, Head of Infrastructure Delivery, Infrastructure and Projects Authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.10 Break
- 12.15 **Transitioning towards the Shared Prosperity Fund, priorities for supporting economic growth and addressing regional inequality**
Professor Tony Travers, Professor in Practice, Department of Government, London School of Economics and Political
Professor Vincent Goodstadt, Chair of Steering Group, 2070 Commission
- Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**
Kevin Hollinrake MP, Co-Chair, Northern Powerhouse All-Party Parliamentary Group
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Social Policy Forum