

Programme

Breakfast & Registration 0800 - 0845

Welcome & Keynote Speaker

A key stakeholder who'll be at the forefront of repurposing and regenerating UK high streets whilst driving investment.

0845 - 0900

Welcome to the Conference

Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea;
Catherine Faulks, Lead Member for Enterprise and Skills

Keynote

Centre for Cities;
Andrew Carter, Chief Executive

Session 1: The Health of our High Streets

In the UK's high streets and town centres face existential challenges from technology, change in consumer behaviour and the closure of several major retailers. Our panel address the problems, opportunities and solutions in this Question Time style session.

0900 - 1000

Chair: Lambert Smith Hampton; Steve Norris, National Head of Planning, Development & Regeneration

Sandwell Council; Amy Harhoff, Director - Regeneration and Growth

Federation of Small Business; Michael Weedon, Chair of Retail and High Street Policy Unit

Centre for Cities; Andrew Carter, Chief Executive

Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea; Catherine Faulks, Lead Member for Enterprise and Skills

1000 - 1030 Break & Networking

Session 2: Wakefield Development Plans

The city of Wakefield has been challenged by the current retail climate, but they're hitting back with major plans to revitalise their high street – with city centre living and exciting new schemes including a new waterside urban quarter and we'll hear more at the event of their long-term plans.

1030 - 1115

Chair: Available to Sponsor

Wakefield Council; Clare Elliott, Service Director – Economic Growth & Skills

Wakefield Council; David Codling, Wakefield Property Advisor

City & Provincial Properties; Paul Kempe, Director

The Hepworth Wakefield; Olivia Colling, Director of Communications & Development

Session 3: The Metamorphosis of Bolton

The town is undergoing a £1.2bn metamorphosis aiding by a focus of town centre regeneration, connectivity across Greater Manchester and the flood of investment happening across the North West – and we'll hear from the local authority and the developers investing in the area.

1115 - 1200

Chair: Lambert Smith Hampton; Bláthnaid Duffy, Director of Planning, Development and Regeneration

Bolton Council; Gerry Brough, Director of Place

Placefirst; Martin Ellerby, Head of New Business and Innovation

Muse Developments; Phil Mayall, Development Director

Midia Group; Steven Turner, Managing Director

1200 - 1300 Lunch & Networking

Session 4: The Growth of Swansea Bay City Region

The Swansea Bay City Deal is a £1.3bn investment for 11 major projects in the region, we will hear from the decision makers and developers tasked with delivering this vision.

1300 - 1345

Chair: Built Environment Networking; Amanda Griffiths, Director

Swansea Council; Councillor Rob Stewart, Cabinet Member Economy and Strategy

RivingtonHark; Mark Williams, Executive Director & Co-Founder

Session 5: Transforming Kirklees

Kirklees is a large regional authority within West Yorkshire – and home to one of the UK's largest towns, Huddersfield. The town is set to undergo a £250m transformation and we'll hear about the ambitious vision Kirklees have for the town.

1345 - 1430

Chair: Available to Sponsor

Kirklees Council; Angela Blake, Service Director - Economy & Skills

SKA Developments; Saj Pervaiz, Financial Director

1430 - 1500 Break & Networking

Session 6: Building Barnsley

The South Yorkshire town is another being redeveloped as they plan a £180m investment and development programme to initially kickstart the major plans.

1500 - 1545

Chair: Available to Sponsor

Barnsley Council; Sarah Norman, Chief Executive

Queensberry; Paul Sargent, Chief Executive

IBI Group; Seamus Lennon, Studio Principal

Session 7: Refocusing Town Centre's in Shropshire

Shropshire is regenerating town centres across the region – including a huge development in Shrewsbury who have a 'Big Town Plan' which they'll reveal in more detail.

1545 - 1630

Chair: Available to Sponsor

Shropshire Council; Mark Barrow, Director of Place

Shrewsbury BID; Seb Slater, Executive Director

Morris Property; Liz Lowe, Head of Estates

1630 - 1645 - Conference Summary & Conference Close

Invited*