
West Yorkshire Economic Growth Conference

Time:
22nd September 2017
0800 – 1730hrs

Venue:
New Dock, Leeds

West Yorkshire's Future Starts Here

A day of discussion and opportunity with our region's business and public sector leaders. It's the region's biggest business event of 2017. The West Yorkshire Economic Growth Conference brings together public and private sector leaders to discuss and debate the key business themes and opportunities for growth. The conference is supported by Leeds City Region LEP, the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and the Cities of West Yorkshire.

Conference Highlights

- Join the conversation on regional economic growth
 - Do more business and make deals on the day, expand into new sectors
 - Gain insights from public sector and Blue Chip company leaders
 - Network with the best and remove the usual barriers to meeting premium clients, VIPs and brands
 - Access opportunities unique to this event and delegate group
 - Increase your understanding of the West Yorkshire business landscape
 - Raise your profile and enhance your brand; be seen at this year's must-attend event
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Programme

Breakfast & Registration 0800-0900

0900 - 1000



Keynote 1

Sajid Javid MP, Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government*



Keynote 2

Cllr Peter Box, Chairman of the Combined Authority, Leader of Wakefield Council*



Keynote 3

Roger Marsh, Chairman, Leeds City Region LEP
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Keynote 4

Corporate Partner
TBC

Coffee Break 1000-1030

Session 1

Why a Combined Authority?
What is inclusive Growth?
How do we provide Place Leadership?
What is the City Region?
How do we make the Governance model work?

Chair: TBC



Ben Still
Managing Director, West Yorkshire Combined Authority
CONFIRMED



Kersten England
Chief Executive Officer, City of Bradford MDC
CONFIRMED



Tom Riordan
Chief Executive Officer, Leeds City Council
CONFIRMED



Yvette Cooper MP, Normanton, Pontefract & Castleford*



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1030 - 1130

Coffee Break 1130-1200

Session 2

Transport

Chair: TBC



Andrew Jones MP
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at Department for Transport*



David Brown
Chief Executive, Transport for the North*



Jamie Kerr
Managing Director, HS2
CONFIRMED



Natalie Sykes
Regional Director, IoD
CONFIRMED



Mike Stancliffe,
Development Surveyor, Network Rail*

1200 - 1245

Lunch 1245-1330

Session 3

Housing

Chair: TBC



Naz Parkar
Executive Director-North East, Yorkshire & the Humber, HCA
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Mark Jackson
Managing Director, Scarborough Group*



Lee Savage
UK Development Director, Moda Living*



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1330 - 1415

Coffee Break 1415-1430

Session 4

Chair: TBC

Skills



Sir Alan Langlands,
Vice Chancellor,
University of Leeds
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Gerald Jennings
President of
Leeds Chamber of
Commerce
CONFIRMED



Rashik Parmar
Distinguished
Engineer & Past-
President of
IBM's Academy
of Technology,
IBM
CONFIRMED



Professor Tim
Thornton,
Deputy Vice
Chancellor,
University of
Huddersfield
CONFIRMED



Lyndsey
Whittaker
Development
Manager;
FSB CONFIRMED

1430 - 1530

Coffee Break 1530-1545

Session 5

Chair: TBC

Growing the
Economy
Northern
Powerhouse



Mark Robson
Regional Director
Yorkshire &
Humber,
Department of
International
Trade*



Sir Gary Verity
Chief Executive,
Welcome to
Yorkshire*



Simon Wright
Regional Director,
Business &
Private Bank,
Yorkshire Bank*



Allison Page
Partner,
DLA Piper
CONFIRMED



Sandy Needham
Chief Executive,
West & North
Yorkshire
Chamber
CONFIRMED

1545 - 1645

Conference Summary 1645-1700

Drinks & Networking 1700-1730
