





West Yorkshire Economic **Growth Conference**

22nd September 2017 0800 - 1730hrs

Venue: New Dock Hall, 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.

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 CONFIRMED



Keynote 3
Roger Marsh, Chairman,
Leeds City Region LEP
CONFIRMED



Keynote 4
Paul Smith, Chairman
Eversheds Sutherland
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Coffee Break 1000-1030

Session 1 Devolution

Why Devolution? What is a Combined Authority? How do we deliver the Strategic Economic Plan?



Ben Still Managing Director, West Yorkshire Combined Authority CONFIRMED





Cllr Judith Blake Leader of the Council, Leeds City Council CONFIRMED



Kersten England Chief Executive Officer, City of Bradford MDC CONFIRMED



Julian Sturdy MP York Outer*



John Grogan MP Keighley CONFIRMED



1030 - 1130

Prew Lumley Chair, Leeds BID CONFIRMED

1145 - 1245

Coffee Break 1130-1145

Session 2 Transport

What is the WYCA Transport strategy? How do we link with the rest of the Northern Powerhouse? How can transport deliver economic growth?



Melanie Corcoran Director of Delivery, WYCA*



Nigel Foster Director of Strategy, Transport for the North CONFIRMED



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Jamie Kerr Managing Director, HS2 Growth Partnership CONFIRMED



Paul Matthews Managing Director, First West Yorkshire CONFIRMED



Charles Johnson Head of Planning Development, Leeds Bradford Airport CONFIRMED

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Lunch 1245-1315

Session 3 Housing

How do we deliver the housing requirements? Is modular off-site an answer? How do we free up more land for housing?



Sir Edward Lister Chairman, Homes & Communities Agency CONFIRMED



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Clir Susan
Hinchcliffe
Leader of the
Council, City of
Bradford MDC
CONFIRMED



Gawthorpe
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Director, Urban
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CONFIRMED



David Hodgson
Director and
Head of
Development
(North) CEG*



Mervyn Jones Chief Executive, Yorkshire Housing*



Natalie Sykes Regional Director, IoD CONFIRMED

Session 4 Skills

Chair: Conference Session Partner: TBC

How do we develop the skills needed to grow the economy? What new skills do we need? How do we ensure the skills stay in

West Yorkshire?



Sir Alan Langlands Vice Chancellor, University of Leeds CONFIRMED



Jane Walton Chair, FSB Education & Skills Committee CONFIRMED



Gerald
Jennings
President of
Leeds Chamber
of
Commerce
CONFIRMED



Rashik Parmar Technical Executive -Europe, IBM CONFIRMED



Professor Tim Thornton Deputy Vice Chancellor, University of Huddersfield CONFIRMED



1430 - 1530

Andy Welsh Chief Executive, Bradford College Group CONFIRMED

Coffee Break 1530-1545

Session 5 Growing the Economy

How do we make the Northern Powerhouse work for us? How do we grow Inward Investment form India? What is the impact of the Tour de France?



Sir Gary Verity Chief Executive, Welcome to Yorkshire*



Sandy
Needham
Chief Executive,
West & North
Yorkshire
Chamber
CONFIRMED



Chair: Conference Session Partner: TBC

Tom Riordan Chief Executive Officer, Leeds City Council CONFIRMED



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



Allison Page Managing Partner, DLA Piper CONFIRMED



1545 - 1645

Sean Jarvis Commercial Director, Huddersfield Town AFC CONFIRMED

Conference Summary 1645-1700 Summary Speaker; TBC

Drinks & Networking 1700-1730

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