

West Yorkshire Economic Growth Conference

Time:
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

Jake Berry MP
Northern Powerhouse
Minister*



Keynote 2

Cllr Peter Box, Chairman
of the Combined
Authority, Leader of
Wakefield Council
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Keynote 3

Roger Marsh, Chairman,
Leeds City Region LEP
CONFIRMED



Keynote 4

Paul Smith, Chairman
Eversheds Sutherland
Corporate Partner
CONFIRMED

Coffee Break 1000-1030

Session 1 Devolution

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1030 - 1130

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



Prew Lumley
Chair,
Leeds BID
CONFIRMED

Coffee Break 1130-1145

Session 2 Transport

Chair: Conference Session Partner: TBC

1145 - 1245

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



**Jesse Norman
MP**
Parliamentary
Under Secretary
of State for the
Department of
Transport*



Nigel Foster
Director of
Strategy,
Transport for
the North
CONFIRMED



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

Chair: Conference Session Partner: TBC

1315 - 1415

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



**Cllr Susan
Hinchcliffe**
Leader of the
Council, City of
Bradford MDC
CONFIRMED



**Simon
Gawthorpe**
Managing
Director, Urban
Splash
CONFIRMED



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



Rosie Toogood
Chief Executive,
L&G Modular
Homes*



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Coffee Break 1415-1430

Session 4 Skills

Chair: Conference Session Partner: TBC

1430 - 1530

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



Andy Welsh
Chief
Executive,
Bradford
College Group
CONFIRMED

Coffee Break 1530-1545

Keynote

1545-1600



Dr Aman Puri
Consul General, India

Session 5 Growing the Economy

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1600 - 1700

How do we make the Northern Powerhouse work for us?
How do we grow Investment to & from India?
What does it mean to have a premiership football team in Yorkshire again?



Sandy Needham
Chief Executive,
West & North
Yorkshire
Chamber
CONFIRMED



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
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Sean Jarvis
Commercial
Director,
Huddersfield
Town AFC
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Conference Summary 1700-1715 Summary Speaker; TBC

Drinks & Networking 1715-1730
