

# West of England Economic Growth Conference

**Time:**  
8<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
0800 – 1730hrs

**Venue:**  
Brunel's Old Station  
(Passenger Shed)

## The West of England's Future Starts Here

With an economy worth over £31 billion per year, a population of over 1 million people and over 43,000 businesses, the opportunity for growth is enormous. The foundations have been put in place by the Combined Authority, the LEP and Cities and with the election of the new Metro Mayor the region is all set to start a massive growth cycle.

The West of England Economic Growth Conference is the region's biggest business event of 2017 and 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 of England 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

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0900 - 1000



## Keynote 1

The Rt Hon Liam Fox,  
Secretary of State for  
International Trade &  
President of the Board of  
Trade & MP for North  
Somerset\*



## Keynote 2

Tim Bowles,  
West of England Regional  
Mayor\*



## Keynote 3

Mayor Marvin Rees  
Bristol City Council  
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## Keynote 4

Corporate Partner  
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Coffee Break 1000-1030

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## Session 1 Devolution

Chair: TBC

Why Devolution?  
What is a  
Combined  
Authority? Why  
a Regional  
Mayor?  
How do we  
deliver the West  
of England  
Strategy?



Mayor Marvin  
Rees  
Bristol City  
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Cllr Tim Warren  
Leader of Bath  
& North East  
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Karin Smyth  
MP,  
Bristol South  
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Barra Mac Ruairi  
Chief Operating  
Officer, YTL  
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Matthew Riddle  
Leader of South  
Gloucestershire  
Conservative  
Council Group\*



1030 - 1130

Wera  
Hobhouse  
MP, Bath\*

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Coffee Break 1130-1145

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## Session 2 Transport

Chair: ARUP, Speaker TBC

How do we  
improve  
connectivity in  
the region,  
nationally and  
internationally  
to increase  
access to jobs,  
reduce  
congestion  
and promote  
sustainable  
transport  
choices?



Sir Peter  
Hendy,  
Chair, Network  
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Megan Streb,  
Head of  
Partnerships  
for the South of  
England,  
Sustrans  
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Simon Earles,  
Planning &  
Sustainability  
Director,  
Bristol Airport  
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David Brown,  
Chief  
Executive,  
Bristol Port  
Company  
CONFIRMED



Andrew Page-  
Dove,  
Regional  
Director South  
West,  
Highways  
England  
CONFIRMED



James Freeman  
Managing  
Director, First  
Bus  
CONFIRMED

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1145 - 1245

Lunch 1245-1315

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## Session 3 Housing

Chair: Ed Ellerington, Director - PRS, Grainger Plc

How do we  
find innovative  
ways of  
increasing the  
availability  
and  
affordability of  
housing?



Colin Molton,  
Executive  
Director,  
Homes &  
Communities  
Agency  
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Oona  
Goldsworthy,  
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Tom Bloxham  
MBE  
Chairman,  
Urban Splash  
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North Somerset  
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Executive, Curo  
Housing  
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Helen Moore  
Managing  
Director, City &  
Country  
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1315 - 1415

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Coffee Break 1415-1430

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**Session 4 Skills**

Chair: TBC

How do we develop an integrated employment, education and skill system that is engaged and responsive to employer's needs?



**Professor Nishan Canagarajah, Pro Vice Chancellor, University of Bristol**  
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**Poku Pipim Osei, Programme Director, Babbasa**  
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**James Durie, Executive Director, Bristol Chamber of Commerce & West of England Initiative at Business West**  
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**Dr Paul Phillips Principal & Chief Executive, Weston College**  
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**Nick Sturge, South West Regional Chairman, IoD & Director, Engine Shed**  
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**CITB TBC**

**1430 - 1530**

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Coffee Break 1530-1545

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**Session 5 Growing the Economy**

Chair: Ed Crockett, Fund Manager, Aberdeen Asset Management

How do we support businesses, attract investment and employment opportunities and remove barriers to creativity and innovation?



**Tom Fourcade, Director Exports & Investment, Southern England, Department for International Trade**  
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**John Pritchard Chief Executive, Aerostructures Europe, GKN Aerospace\***



**David Eccles, Head of Stakeholder Engagement, Hinkley Point C, EDF Energy**  
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**Phil Bates, Architect, Product Development, Oracle**  
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**Matthew Cross Head of Inward Investment, Invest in Bristol & Bath\***



**Oliver Clarkson, Assistant Director, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy\***

**1545 - 1645**

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Conference Summary 1645-1700 Summary Speaker; TBC

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