

Programme

Breakfast & Registration 0800 - 0845

Keynote Speakers

0845 - 0915

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Keynote 1

UK 2070 Commission
Lord Kerslake

Keynote 2

Impact Hub Birmingham
Immy Kaur

Keynote 3

Corporate Partner
TBC

Session 1: The Midlands: The Engine and collaboration - Panel Discussion

0915 - 1015

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Birmingham City Council (Dawn Baxendale, Chief Executive Officer)
Shropshire Council (Tim Smith, Head of Business Enterprise & Commercial Services)
Coventry City Council (Martin Reeves, Chief Executive)
East Midlands Councils (Andrew Pritchard, Chair)
Midlands Engine (Anthony May, Chair of Operating Board)

1015 - 1030 Break & Networking

1030 - 1045 Keynote: **Midlands Connect** (Maria Machancoses, Director)

Session 2: HS2: How infrastructure will drive development - Panel Discussion & Presentations

1045 - 1145

With three stations planned within the Midlands (Solihull, Birmingham and Toton) HS2 is set to be an enabler to growth – and we'll be hearing from those hubs and how HS2 will unlock huge areas of development land which will be turning into thriving employment zones and communities.

Chair: Tim Allen, Director Land Development Midlands, PBA, now part of Stantec
Birmingham City Council (James Betjemann, Head of Enterprise Zone & Curzon Delivery)
Urban Growth Company (Jonathan Bretherton, Managing Director)
Toton Delivery Board (Cllr Kay Cutts, Chair)
Speaker 4 - TBC

Session 3: Infrastructure: Linking communities and placemaking - Panel Discussion & Presentations

1145 - 1245

Major infrastructure projects are planned across the Midlands which will complement HS2 – from new, improved and more frequent rail routes, to new roads, potential airport expansions, and much more. We'll be hearing about how these schemes will be designed to integrate into both existing and new community developments, aiding connectivity across the region and boosting productivity and economic growth.

Chair: Ian Liddell, Managing Director, Planning & Advisory, WSP
Transport for the West Midlands (Anne Shaw, Director – Network Resilience)
Canal & River Trust (Adnan Saif, Director – West Midlands)
Manchester & East Midlands Rail Action Partnership (Stephen Chaytow, Chair)
DB Symmetry (Jonathan Wallis, Development Director)
West Midlands Trains (Christopher Blake, New Station & Services Manager)

1245 - 1330 Lunch & Networking

Session 4: Local Enterprise Partnerships: Their role in the future vision

1330 - 1415

Executive leadership from each of the region's LEP board's talk about their work in supporting and delivering the Midlands vision.

Coventry & Warwickshire LEP (Paula Deas, Operations Director)
Black Country LEP (Sarah Middleton, Managing Director)
Greater Birmingham & Solihull LEP (Paul Edwards, Head of Strategy)
D2N2 LEP (Tom Goshawk, Head of Capital Programmes)
Worcestershire LEP (Stuart Emmerson, Inward Investment Manager)

Session 5: Universities; Estate Plan & Supporting growth - Panel Discussion & Presentations

1415 - 1515

We'll hear from four of the region's leading Universities as they explain how their development strategy effects surrounding localities and gain a glimpse into what their future campuses will look like

University of Derby (Judith Lamie, Pro Vice-Chancellor – External Affairs)
Nottingham Trent University (Prof Nigel Wright, Deputy Vice-Chancellor – Research & Innovation)
Coventry University (Prof Ian Marshall, Deputy Vice Chancellor)
University of Leicester (Grant Bourhill, Chief Executive – Science Parks and Interim Director Research & Enterprise)
Aston University (Mark Smith, Executive Director of Business Engagement)

1515 - 1530 Break & Networking

Session 6: Placemaking; Housebuilders & developers - Panel Discussion & Presentations

1530 - 1645

Leading providers of homes and major developers within the region will talk about the best way to approach planning, design and management of open spaces due the spurt of development and growth expected across the region.

Chair: Carl Potter, Managing Director, Avison Young
Bruntwood (Rob Valentine, Director)
Nottingham City Council (Chris Henning, Corporate Director for Development and Growth)
Sladen Estates (Rachel Wood, Development Director)
Kier Property (Tom Gilman, Managing Director)
West Midlands Combined Authority (Patricia Willoughby, Head of Policy - Housing & Regeneration)

1645 - 1700 Conference Close

Invited*