

# Programme

Breakfast & Registration 0800 - 0845

## **Keynote Speaker**

*A key stakeholder who'll be at the forefront of repurposing and regenerating UK high streets whilst driving investment.*

## **Keynote**

**ANO**

**TBC**

**0845 - 0900**

## **Session 1: The Health of our High Streets**

*In the UK's high streets and town centres face existential challenges from technology, change in consumer behaviour and the closure of several major retailers. Our panel address the problems, opportunities and solutions in this Question Time style session.*

### **Chair: Available to Sponsor**

**Sandwell Council;** Amy Harhoff, Director – Regeneration & Economic Growth

**High Streets Select Committee;** Clive Betts MP, Chair

**Federation of Small Business;** Michael Weedon, Chair of Retail and High Street Policy Unit

**Centre for Cities;** Andrew Carter, Chief Executive

1000 - 1030 Break & Networking

**0900 - 1000**

## **Session 2: Wakefield Development Plans**

*The city of Wakefield has been challenged by the current retail climate, but they're hitting back with major plans to revitalise their high street – with city centre living and exciting new schemes including a new waterside urban quarter and we'll hear more at the event of their long-term plans.*

### **Chair: Available to Sponsor**

**Wakefield City Council;** Claire Elliott, Executive Director – Economy & Skills

**New River;** Paul Wright, Director

**City & Provincial Properties;** Paul Kempe, Director

## **Session 3: Transforming Kirklees**

*Kirklees is a large regional authority within West Yorkshire – and home to one of the UK's largest towns, Huddersfield. The town is set to undergo a £250m transformation and we'll hear about the ambitious vision Kirklees have for the town.*

### **Chair: Available to Sponsor**

**Kirklees Council;** Jacqui Gedman, Chief Executive

**Kirklees Council;** Naz Parkar, Director of Place

**Capital & Centric;** Paul Jones, Development Manager

**SKA Developments;** Zeb Pervaiz, Managing Director

1200 - 1300 Lunch & Networking

**1115 - 1200**

## **Session 4: The Growth of Swansea Bay City Region**

*The Swansea Bay City Deal is a £1.3bn investment for 11 major projects in the region, we will hear from the decision makers and developers tasked with delivering this vision.*

### **Chair: Available to Sponsor**

**Swansea Council;** Martin Nicholls, Director of Place

**1300 - 1345**

## **Session 5: The Metamorphosis of Bolton**

*The town is undergoing a £1.2bn metamorphosis aided by a focus of town centre regeneration, connectivity across Greater Manchester and the flood of investment happening across the North West – and we'll hear from the local authority and the developers investing in the area.*

### **Chair: Built Environment Networking; Amanda Griffiths, Director**

**Bolton Council;** Gerry Brough, Director of Place

**Midia Group;** Alec Colbeck, Projects Director

**Placefirst;** Speaker TBC

**Muse Developments;** Phil Mayall, Development Director

1430 - 1500 Break & Networking

**1345 - 1430**

## **Session 6: Building Barnsley**

*The South Yorkshire town is another being redeveloped as they plan a £180m investment and development programme to initially kickstart the major plans.*

### **Chair: Available to Sponsor**

**Barnsley Council;** Sarah Norman, Chief Executive

**Barnsley Civic;** Helen Ball, Chief Executive

**Queensberry Real Estate;** Paul Sargent, Chief Executive

**IBI Group;** Seamus Lennon, Principal

**1500 - 1545**

## **Session 7: Refocusing Town Centre's in Shropshire**

*Shropshire is regenerating town centres across the region – including a huge development in Shrewsbury who have a 'Big Town Plan' which they'll reveal in more detail.*

### **Chair: Available to Sponsor**

**Shropshire Council;** Mark Barrow, Director of Place

**Shrewsbury BID;** Seb Slater, Executive Director

**Morris Property;** Liz Lowe, Head of Estates

**1545 - 1630**

1630 - 1645 - Conference Summary & Conference Close

**Invited\***

