

Westminster Social Policy Forum keynote seminar:

Next steps for devolution in Greater Manchester

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Next steps for the Greater Manchester devolution deal - key opportunities and challenges**
Senior academic
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 **Driving enablers of economic growth in Greater Manchester - regional-specific skills, education and investment**
future growth possibilities under new devolution measures | the role of foreign direct investment in delivering economic growth and employment opportunities | Greater Manchester Baccalaureate and other measures to deliver regionally-specific jobs | strategies for job creation | delivering green growth and meeting net zero targets by 2038 | targeted approaches for delivering growth across the region
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, investment
Senior representative, education
Senior representative, business
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.05 **Population health in Greater Manchester**
Senior representative, health
- 10.15 **Stakeholder perspectives on approaches to housing and homelessness in the region**
assessing progress under the Housing First scheme and Places for Everyone Plan | retrofitting to improve energy efficiency and safety | delivering council and affordable housing targets | collaboration with the private sector and international investment to deliver housebuilding targets | measures to support those facing housing insecurity | collaboration with the third sector and the long-term plan to end homelessness
Hannah Courtney-Adamson, Head, Strategic Housing (People), Rochdale Borough Council
Senior representative, social housing
Senior representative, construction
- 10.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 **Implementing Greater Manchester's new integrated funding settlement**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Priorities for inter-regional collaboration and achieving effective delivery of public transport services**
connecting Greater Manchester and the West Midlands | exploring the legacy of HS2 | Liverpool - Manchester Railway Partnership Board | next steps for the Bee Network | future possibilities for cross-regional collaboration | private investment opportunities to deliver large rail projects | collaboration with National Government to deliver new infrastructure | decarbonising transport in the region
Professor Paul Plummer, Director, Centre for Railway Research and Education, University of Birmingham
Senior representative, rail
Senior representative, buses
Senior representative, transport
Senior representative, combined authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.15 **The vision for the Greater Manchester region moving forward**
Andy Burnham, Mayor, Greater Manchester; and Chair, Greater Manchester Combined Authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Social Policy Forum