

Policy Forum for Wales Keynote Seminar
Priorities for developing the 'Western Powerhouse' - investment, infrastructure and governance

Timing: Morning, Monday, 10th September 2018

Venue: South Wales



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Assembly Member
- 9.05 - 9.20 **The vision for a 'Western Powerhouse'**
Rt Hon Alun Cairns MP, Secretary of State for Wales, UK Government
- 9.20 - 9.35 **Next steps for the 'Western Powerhouse'**
Senior representative, Welsh Government
- 9.35 - 9.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.50 - 10.45 **Securing economic growth in the 'Western Powerhouse' region: promoting collaboration, increasing investment and supporting key industry sectors**
Ben Lucas, Managing Director, Metro Dynamics
Katharine Finn, Regional Leader, West & Wales, PwC
Senior representative, manufacturing
Senior representative, business
Senior representative, research
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 - 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Assembly Member
- 10.50 - 11.20 Coffee
- 11.20 - 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Assembly Member
- 11.25 - 12.20 **Promoting future infrastructure development: priority projects, increasing connectivity and tackling barriers to development**
Stephen Lawrence, Development Director, Mott MacDonald
Tony Norris, Partner, Geldards
Commentator
Senior representative, digital
Senior representative, rail
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 - 12.55 **Priorities for creating a stronger region: future governance and collaboration**
Tim Bowles, Metro Mayor of the West of England
Councillor Huw Thomas, Leader, Cardiff Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**
Senior Assembly Member
Peter van Gelder, Director, Policy Forum for Wales