

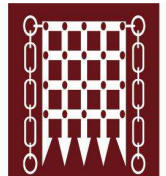


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**Policy Forum for Wales and Westminster Business Forum Keynote Seminar:
Developing the 'Western Powerhouse' - the future for the Bristol, Bath,
Cardiff and Newport area**

Timing: Morning, Monday, 10th September 2018

Venue: Newport Centre, 1 Kingsway, Newport NP20 1UH



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Assembly Member
- 9.05 - 9.45 **The vision for a 'Western Powerhouse'**
Rt Hon Alun Cairns MP, Secretary of State for Wales, UK Government
- 9.45 - 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
Dr Sarah Perkins, Director, GW4
Sara Pepper, Director, Creative Economy, Creative Cardiff
David Hoare, PR and Communications Leader, GE Aviation Wales
Senior representative, business
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 - 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Assembly Member
- 10.50 - 11.15 Coffee
- 11.15 - 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**
Mark Reckless AM
- 11.20 - 11.30 **Making the 'Western Powerhouse' work for communities: housing, job creation and local economic growth**
Frank Soodeen, Head of Public Affairs, Joseph Rowntree Foundation
- 11.30 - 12.10 **Promoting future infrastructure development: priority projects, increasing connectivity and tackling barriers to development**
Stephen Lawrence, Development Director, Mott MacDonald
Dan Okey, Regional Development Manager, Great Western Railway
Tony Norris, Partner, Geldards
Edward Hunt, Director, Openreach Cymru
Questions and comments from the floor with Frank Soodeen, Head of Public Affairs, Joseph Rowntree Foundation
- 12.10 - 12.55 **Priorities for creating a stronger region: future governance and collaboration**
Councillor Tim Warren, Leader, Bath and North East Somerset Council
Councillor Russell Goodway, Cabinet Member for Investment and Development, Cardiff Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**
Mark Reckless AM
Roger Greer, Associate Producer, Policy Forum for Wales and Westminster Business Forum