

# WEDNESDAY 11 PLACE

Chair: Angela Barnicle, Chief Officer Asset Management & Regeneration, Leeds City Council

## 09.00 Leeds City Region: World class project showcase

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### Climate change resilience

**Martin Farrington, Director of City Development, Leeds City Council**

Hear from Leeds City Council's Director of Development, Martin Farrington as he explains the success of the flood alleviation scheme, the first project of its kind to deliver moveable weir technology. Martin will explain the impact it is having on Leeds city centre and surrounding neighbourhoods.

### Culture-driven economic growth: The Piece Hall, Halifax

**Roger Marsh OBE DL, Chair of the LEP and NP11**

This session will focus on how the transformation of the The Piece Hall, Halifax has driven economic growth in Halifax and had a positive impact on the town centre. Hear lessons learned from the financial viability of the project and how the impact of investment in cultural projects can be demonstrated in land value uplift and local economic impact.

### Best Futura Mega Project MIPIM 2019: Leading the way on the Commercial Parks of tomorrow at Harrogate's Future Park

**Sean Fallon, Managing Director, Fallons**

At last year's MIPIM, Fallons won the prestigious Best Futura Mega Project award for its Future Park project, an innovative development with clean energy at its heart. Over 160,000 square metres, the park offers opportunities for commercial, retail, leisure and educational spaces, underpinned by a desire to foster research and development. But it is the clean energy focus that sets this development apart – with the ambition that Future Park will become the most energy efficient commercial park in the UK. Sean will provide an update on the project and detail how investors can become involved.

## 10.30 Leeds City Region: A global destination of choice for talent, investment and innovation

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**Jessica Bowles, Director of Strategy, Bruntwood**

**Simon Marshall, Joint Chief Executive, Scarborough International Properties Limited**

**Andrew Long, Chief Executive Officer, Extra MSA Group**

**James Devitt, Industrial Collaboration Manager, University of Huddersfield**

Despite global economic uncertainty, our region has remained a destination of choice for investors. Join a panel of investors, developers, occupiers and universities to explore the region's integrated approach to attracting investment. The University of Huddersfield will explain how it is supporting the development of the next generation of talent with its bespoke talent schemes, developing accessible routes to employment and training programmes that benefit key businesses in the region.

### 11.30 Northern Powerhouse: How collaboration is forging a stronger northern economy

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**Facilitator: Frank McKenna, Chief Executive Officer, Downtown in Business**  
**Tom Riordan CBE, Chief Executive, Leeds City Council**  
**Tony Reeves, Chief Executive, Liverpool City Council**  
**Joanne Roney OBE, Chief Executive, Manchester City Council**

Collaborating across geographic boundaries is key to the growth of the UK economy. Three of the key decision makers from across the Northern Powerhouse come together to discuss how the major cities of Leeds, Manchester and Liverpool are collaborating to achieve collective, strategic aims. As the North levels up, hear how leaders plan to boost opportunities and face rising challenges, to ensure delivery of a more prosperous, inclusive future for the North of England.

### 12.30 Bradford: Future developments in the UK's most improved city

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**Shelagh O'Neill, Assistant Director - Economy and Development Services, Bradford Metropolitan District Council**

At this session, Shelagh O'Neill will present the development strategy for Bradford city centre, focusing on highlights from the previous year as well as outlining key priorities for development and infrastructure in 2020 and beyond.

### 12.45 A decade of ambition for Kirklees

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**Angela Blake, Service Director Economy and Skills, Kirklees Metropolitan District Council**

Kirklees has set out ambitious plans to kick-start a decade of investment worth almost half a billion pounds. Public and private initiatives, including the rollout of gigabit fibre and major investment in transport infrastructure, are making it the place to live, work and invest.

### 13.00 Harrogate: Building a creative, digitally enabled community

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**Wallace Sampson OBE, Chief Executive of Harrogate Borough Council**  
**Cllr Graham Swift, Deputy Leader, Harrogate Borough Council**

Harrogate District Council is a progressive and vibrant place that appeals to the young labour market. In its Skills for Growth Action Plan 2019, Harrogate District Council recognised the need to develop a place that appealed to and retained skilled, creative, digitally enabled people. Harrogate is ensuring its district focuses on strategic investments that support the workforce of tomorrow.

### 14.00 On track for the North: Transformation of our rail network

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**Jamie Kerr, Partnerships and Property Director, LCR Property**

Hear from LCR Property about Europe's largest modernisation programme of a classic rail network. Jamie Kerr will discuss how stations in the Leeds City Region will transform over the coming years. Learn about the latest developments in HS2 and Northern Powerhouse Rail and how they will drive connectivity in the North.

## 15.00 Designing for health and wellbeing

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**Leah Stuart, Associate Director, Civic Engineers**  
**Ms. Frédérique Seels, Vice President, Lille Metropole**  
**Tim Waring, Director, Quod**  
**Oscar Brooks, Director, Moda**  
**David Leversha, Buildings - Structural Director, Sweco Engineering**

At this session you will have the opportunity to hear about regional, national and international examples of where good urban design and an enhanced public realm is leading to transformative social, environmental and economic change. Panellists will share examples of how urban design can improve mental health and wellbeing. Sweco will give an insight into how the UN sustainable development goals are influencing construction and design in Europe.

## 16.00 Facing our biggest challenge: Tackling the climate emergency in Leeds City Region

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**Wallace Sampson OBE, Chief Executive, Harrogate Borough Council**  
**Bryn Jones, Technical Director, Sweco Engineering**

The climate emergency, and how we collectively respond to it, will be the defining duty of this decade. How infrastructure projects and strategic initiatives evolve to mitigate a rapidly changing environment will be at the centre of decision making. Hear from civic leaders and businesses about how they have committed to make Leeds City Region a net zero carbon region by 2038.

## 16.15 CEG: Planned developments

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**David Hodgson, Head of Strategic Development (North), CEG**

Join property developer, CEG for an update on its award-winning Kirkstall Forge development and the South Bank of Leeds. Hear how CEG develop properties to promote health and wellbeing and how it is leading the way in the region.

## 16.30 Closing summary

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**Angela Barnicle, Chief Officer Asset Management & Regeneration, Leeds City Council**  
Hear Angela Barnicle's closing summary as day two draws to a close.

## 16.40 Celebrating our global partnerships

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A drinks reception will take place on the stand to celebrate Leeds City Region's global partnerships. This will demonstrate Leeds City Region's commitment to its international relationships and developing further international connections with new strategic partners.

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## 22.00 Leeds City Region: Dare to be different

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Join us for an exclusive chance to hear from two-time Olympic boxing champion, Nicola Adams. Find out how being from Yorkshire has shaped her journey as she shares career highlights and how daring to be different has led to phenomenal success.