

LEP's Annual Conference and AGM - Update (Sept 2016)



A. Background

Following on from the success of the LEP's first Conference in September 2015, it was agreed that this event would become an annual one. The theme for the 2016 Conference is Productivity and with a particular focus on the people and supply chain aspects. The event will be held in the afternoon of 3rd October at Sandy Park, Exeter and we have capacity for 500 attendees if needed. A lack of capacity was an issue last year, when owing to venue restrictions we had to limit the numbers to 250 people and this caused problems for some stakeholders. Based on feedback, stakeholders will be able to attend both the Conference and AGM if they wish to do so and to date over 300 people have booked to attend this free event. The LEP's AGM will follow on immediately after the Conference at the same venue, thus allowing stakeholders to stay on and attend the AGM or leave immediately after the Conference.

The Aims of the 2016 Conference:

- The focus is around Productivity, particularly the 'people' and supply chain elements.
- An opportunity to meet with the wider LEP partnership and to network with other stakeholders.
- It is a free event that is aimed at the private, public and third sectors.
- It will include an update on present economic issues for our area - including Brexit and Devolution - and a look at what is planned for the future.

B. Programme (draft)

The Conference is divided into a number of sections and includes an update from the LEP, the use of a voting section for feedback on issues (which proved very popular last year), a panel discussion, two lots of breakout seminars sessions and around 20 exhibition stands provided by some of our stakeholders / partners. In addition, our key business groups have been offered the opportunity to attend surgery sessions with Chris Garcia and this option is only available to them.

Speakers include: the Chair and Chief Executive of the HotSW; Agent for the Bank of England; LA colleague (Devolution) and in addition for the panel session - Chair of the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly LEP and Chief Executive of the West of England LEP.

The following is a summary of the programme:

13.15 - 14.00		Arrival and registration, tea / coffee & biscuits, networking and stands
14.00 - 14.15	15	Chris Garcia is MC for the event Opening introduction by Steve Hindley The Productivity Challenge - recap particularly the 'people' and supply chain elements
14.15 - 14.22	7	Chris Garcia - MC and manages voting device session
14.22 - 14.35	13	<u>Electronic voting - Brexit, the Productivity Plan and implications of an industrial strategy</u>

14.35 - 14.50	15	Brexit - Bank of England
14.50 - 15.00	10	Devolution - LA
15.00 - 15.20	20	The Productivity Challenge - The Panel will review the questions asked at the beginning of the Conference and provide further insight, with a particular focus on cross LEP working.
15.20 - 15.40	20	Break 20 mins with tea / coffee & danish, networking and stands. Move to chosen Seminars
15.40 - 16.15	35	Chosen Seminar - one of three (pre booked): The Leadership Groups will each lead a seminar session, providing an update on their work and sharing their future aims. This will be led by the Chairs' of the Groups. A. People B. Place C. Business
	5	Move to next Seminar
16.20 - 16.55	35	Chosen Seminar - one of four (pre booked): Cluster Development D. Aerospace: project focus - IAero. E. New Nuclear: project focus - the supply chain and skills F. Rural Productivity: project focus - Panel Session G. TBC - Healthy Ageing
16.55 - 17.15	20	Close and break before AGM - tea / coffee and cake
		<i>Networking and stands. AGM attendees also join, some people from the Conference may leave at this point.</i>
		AGM
17.15 / 17.50		Chris Garcia sets the scene and recaps Opening introduction by Steve Hindley (Chair) Updates from Board and accounts by Adam Chambers (possible use of voting devices)
17.50		CLOSE

