



LEPs and the Central South

Breakfast Seminar, Southampton – 8.30am, 3rd December

Since their establishment in 2010, Local Enterprise Partnerships have been integral to economic growth across England. In July this year the Government sought to strengthen their role, making proposals designed to ensure they are fit for purpose. This seminar offers an opportunity to learn how our local LEPs see their future role and discuss how they can help fulfil the needs of the Central South of England.



The Central South is a major contributor to the UK's growth. However, we are not attracting the government support and investment that is flowing to the North, West Midlands and, closer to home, both the Oxford-Cambridge corridor and London.

As Lord Jim O'Neill, former Treasury Minister, told a Southern Policy Centre seminar last year, we need to respond with "a distinctive, 'stand-out' proposal which built on unique local strengths and offered a clear sense of local identity and place".

The Dorset, Enterprise M3 and Solent LEPs are key players in shaping a coherent, attractive economic future for the Central South: leading investment, shaping our infrastructure, guiding skills development and create a place where business can thrive.



Join us to discuss with our local LEPs, businesses, universities and stakeholders on how the Central South's LEPs can help us meet the economic challenges of the future.

The seminar will run from 8.30am to 10.30 am on **Monday 3 December**, at **PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP**, Savannah House, 3 Ocean Way, Southampton. SO14 3TJ. To join us please contact Lottie Arvids (lottie.arvids@pwc.com).

Speakers confirmed to date:

Rt Hon John Denham	Director, Southern Policy Centre
Gary Jeffries	Chair, Solent LEP
Alastair Welch	Director, ABP Southampton
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PwC launched their 2018 "Good Growth for Cities" report earlier this month, tracking the performance of cities and places across the UK. Reading and Southampton were 2nd and 3rd respectively. See the full report at www.pwc.co.uk/goodgrowth.