

Ambitions for the central South

Southern Policy Centre Conference

Tuesday 28th March 2023, Spark Building, Solent University, East Park Terrace, Southampton, SO14 0YN 9.00 am - 2.00 pm

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AGENDA

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9.00 am: Delegates arrive; coffee and networking

9.30 am: Opening welcome from retiring Solent University Vice-Chancellor Karen Stanton

9.35 am: Welcome and housekeeping from SPC Director and Chair Stewart Dunn

9.45 am: What is the central South with SPC Director Prof John Denham

10.00 - 10.30 am: Regional Economic Strategy and Devolution session with Akash Paun, Senior Fellow, Institute for Government; Prof Mark E Smith, Vice Chancellor, University of Southampton; David Williams, Lead Chief Executive, Partnership for South Hampshire and Chris Ashman, IOW Council, Director of Regeneration

10.30 am: Short break

10.40 - 11.10 am: Place: Creative Industries, Cities and Civic Identity session. SPC Director Dr Simon Eden will introduce the second themed session of the day. With Professor AbuBakr Bahaj from the University of Southampton; Dr Christelle Blunden from Southampton National Park City; Pippa Bostock, Director of Development, Engagement and Marketing at the Mary Rose Trust and Dr Paul Spencer, Executive Director of Winchester BID

11.10 - 11.40 am: Break and networking

11.40 - 12.10 pm: Opportunities for Sustainable Growth session. Chaired by SPC Chair Stewart Dunn. With Rachael Randall, Chair of Solent LEP; Brian Johnson, Independent Chair of Solent Freeport; Dr Kam Pooni, the Royal Society Entrepreneur-in-Residence at the University of Southampton and CEO of Glyconics Ltd; Ross McNally, Executive Chair of Hampshire Chamber of Commerce and Debbie Tann, Chief Executive of Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

12.10 - 12.40 pm: Levelling Up and Wellbeing session Chaired by SPC Associate Suki Sitaram with Alex Whitfield, Chief Executive, Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust; Tim Houghton, Chief Executive of Community First and Sharon Collins from the Keep Well Collaborative

12.40 pm: Short break

12.50 - 1.20 pm Turning ambitions into reality panel discussion with local elected leaders chaired by Peter Henley, BBC South Political Editor. With the leader of Southampton City Council, Cllr Satvir Kaur; Executive Leader of Fareham Borough Council and Chair of PFSH, Cllr Seán Woodward and Cllr Steve Pitt, Cabinet Member at Portsmouth City Council

1.20 pm - 1.30 pm: Summing up by SPC Director Prof John Denham

1.30 - 2.00 pm: Networking lunch

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