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Finding True North: Realising the Northern Powerhouse

Friday 8th July 2016, 09.30 – 17.20
The Lowry Theatre, Salford, Manchester

Running order:

09.30 - 10.15 Registration and networking breakfast

10.15 Welcome

- *Phillip Blond, Director of ResPublica*

10.40 Keynote

- *Rt. Hon. Greg Clark MP, Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government*

11.30 Plenary Session - What does the North need?

- *Chair: Krishnan Guru-Murthy, Channel 4 News*
- *Dan Jarvis MP, Member of Parliament for Barnsley Central*
- *Cllr Paul Watson, Leader of Sunderland City Council*
- *Sir Richard Leese, Leader of Manchester City Council*

12.45 Networking lunch

13.30 - 14.30 Breakout sessions

Session 1 - The Education Divide: Tackling Northern educational inequality

- *Chair: Mark Morrin, Principal Research Consultant, ResPublica*
- *Lucy Powell MP, Member of Parliament for Manchester Central*
- *Andy Westwood, Chair of Advisory Board, LLAKES*
- *Professor Mike Thomas, Vice Chancellor, University of Central Lancashire*
- *Cllr John Merry CBE, Deputy City Mayor, Salford City Council*

Session 2 - Housing the Powerhouse: Homes built by the North, for the North

- *Chair: Adam Wildman, Principal Research Consultant, ResPublica*
- *Mark Henderson, Chair, Homes for the North*

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- Charlotte Harrison, Executive Director, Northern Housing Consortium
- Ivan Lewis MP, Manchester Mayoral Candidate, Member of Parliament for Bury South

Session 3 - Opportunity North: Creating and inspiring a culture of innovation

- Chair: Andy Bounds, Northern Correspondent, Financial Times
- Chi Onwurah MP, Shadow Tech Minister, Member of Parliament for Newcastle Central
- Claire Braithwaite, Tech Advisor Manchester Growth Company
- Rob Mukherjee, Head of North West Regional Business, Vodafone

14.35 - 15.35 Breakout sessions

Session 4 - Health North: Addressing health equity in the North of England

- Chair: Emily Crawford, Principal Research Consultant, ResPublica
- Professor Sir Ian Gilmore, Chairman, Liverpool Mayoral Health Commission
- Professor Paul Johnstone, Director - North of England, Public Health England
- Alex Whinnom, CEO, Greater Manchester Centre for Voluntary Organisation

Session 5 - The Northern Engine of Growth: Delivering connectivity and capacity

- Chair: Arif Ansari, Political Correspondent, BBC North West
- Duncan Sim, Transport Lead, ResPublica
- Joe Anderson, Mayor of Liverpool
- Philip Graham, Chief Executive, National Infrastructure Committee
- Cllr Judith Blake, Leader of Leeds City Council

Session 6 - Powering the North: The role of low carbon technologies

- Chair: Caroline Julian, Deputy Director, ResPublica
- Mark Atherton, Director of Environment, Greater Manchester CA
- John Hopkins, CEO & Chairman, NuScale
- Michelle Hubert, Head of Energy and Climate Change, CBI
- Dr John Idris Jones, Chair, Snowdonia Enterprise Zone

15.35 - 16.15 Refreshments

16.15 - 17.00 Closing Session - What is the future of the North?

- Phillip Blond, Director of ResPublica
- James Wharton MP, Minister for the Northern Powerhouse

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