



# West of England Partnership

Bath & North East  
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## Meeting the Challenges - Achieving our Ambitions

### Conference Programme - Friday 27 November 2009 – @t Bristol

9.00 **Registration & Coffee**

9.25 **Welcome and Introduction**

Cllr John Calway, Partnership Chair and Leader, South Gloucestershire Council

9.30 **Keynote speaker**

Martin Boddy, Associate Dean and Professor of Urban and Regional Studies,  
University of West of England

10.00 **Workshops 1 and 2**

#### ***Delivering a Sustainable Transport System***

- Challenges - Minimising the impact of transport on the environment;**
- reducing carbon emissions**
  - Supporting economic growth, tackling congestion and improving journey times**
  - Promoting use of alternatives to the car and encouraging sustainable travel behaviour**
  - Improving health and access to employment and local services**
  - Improving safety for all road users**

Presentations by:

- Barbara Davies, Head of Joint Transport, West of England Partnership
- Justin Davies, Managing Director, First Bristol, Somerset & Avon
- Sharon Daly, Transport Consultant, Steer Davies Gleave

#### ***Investing in Skills & Employment***

- Challenges - Supporting the economic upturn**
- Tackling worklessness**
  - Maximising the economic participation of young people, in response to the slowdown in growth of the working age population**
  - Driving up higher level skills to meet increasing employer demand**

Presentations by:

- David Draycott, Director, West of England Employment and Skills Board
- Tracy Hughes, Head of Delivery Strategy, Department of Work & Pensions
- Malcolm Gillespie, Regional Director SW, Learning and Skills Council

## ***Building Communities of the Future***

- Challenges - Meeting the current shortages and rising need for more homes**
- **Maintaining and improving our natural and built environment and heritage**
  - **Planning for further growth within a framework that ensures that development is mixed and sustainable**

Presentations by:

- Paul Lavelle, Enabling Advisor, Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment
- David Warburton, Area Director, Homes and Communities Agency
- Terry Wagstaff, Chief Executive, West of England Partnership

12.45 **Lunch**

1.40 **Plenary** (with tea served during the afternoon)

### **Delivering a Sustainable Transport System**

- Cllr Charles Gerrish, Chair: Joint Transport Committee, West of England Partnership
- Sonia Mills, Chief Executive, North Bristol NHS Trust
- Peter Jackson, Director of Planning, Transportation & Strategic Environment, South Gloucestershire Council

### **Investing in Skills & Employment**

- Cllr Barbara Janke, Leader, Bristol City Council
- Stephen Harrison, Chair: West of England Skills and Employment Board, Regional Chairman, PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Amanda Deeks, Chief Executive, South Gloucestershire Council

### **Building Communities of the Future**

- Cllr Matthew Riddle, Chair: Planning Housing & Communities Board, West of England Partnership
- Tom King, Assistant Director: Planning and Housing, Government Office of South West
- Zoe Willcox, Service Director: Planning & Sustainable Development, Bristol City Council

4.00 **Closing Remarks**

Terry Wagstaff, Chief Executive, West of England Partnership

4.10 **Close**