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of site visits,
sub-plenaries,
workshops and
masterclasses

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Introduction

This directory provides more information about the site visits, sub-plenary and workshop sessions and masterclasses that form part of the Summit programme. With such a full programme we realise that you will not be able to do everything. We hope that this directory will give you a picture of what is going on and provide details to help you follow up anything that interests you.

The information about each site visit explains what the tour is designed to show and lists the places that will be visited. There is a map showing where the venues are in relation to Central Manchester.

For each sub-plenary or workshop, this programme shows who will chair and who will be speaking; and describes what the workshop is designed to do. The sessions have different formats reflecting both the varied subjects and their different objectives. We have not included the location of each workshop as these are subject to change up to the last minute. Your ticket will say which room has been allocated to the workshop for which you have booked.

Masterclasses are an opportunity to hear in greater depth from one or two experts how they have tackled some key issues. This directory lists the session, the speakers and the issues.

You were asked to book for site visits, sub-plenaries and workshops in advance; and you should have received tickets for the sessions you booked at registration. If you want to change your bookings for site visits, please ask at registration. If you want to change your bookings for sub-plenaries and workshops or if you want to pick up a ticket for a masterclass, please go to the Swap Shop desk in the G-MEX foyer.



FRINGE EVENT PARKS AND SQUARES: WHO CARES?

Come and debate what people really want from their public spaces

Monday 31 January 2005, 7–8.30pm

SPEAKERS: Steve Bullock elected Mayor of Lewisham; Renato Benedetti McDowell and Benedetti; Andrew Jackson Heeley Development Trust; Julia Thrift CAFE Space

CHAIR: Peter Matthew ODPM

VENUE: Barca, Arches 8–9, Catalan Square, Castlefield, Manchester M3 4RU

TIME: 7–8.30pm
Drinks and canapés will be provided

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FRINGE EVENT **FIGHT YOUR FEARS: MANAGING RISK AND CREATIVITY IN DESIGN**

Debate whether we live in a risk-averse culture that stifles design and creativity

Tuesday 1 February 2005, 5–7pm

SPEAKERS: Roger Madelin Argent;
CJ Lim Architect; Cllr Daniel Moylan
Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea;
Charles Landry COMEDIA

CHAIR: Paul Finch
Deputy Chair, CABE

**COME AND EXPERIENCE
A NEW URBAN SPORT:**

Le Parkour – or ‘the Art of Movement’ – will demonstrate how they find new and often dangerous ways through the city landscape – scaling walls, roof-running and leaping from building to building.

VENUE: The Comedy Store, 3 & 4
Deansgate Locks, Whitworth Street,
Manchester M1 5LH

TIME: 5–7pm
Drinks and canapés will be provided

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Site visits: Monday 31 January 2005 12.00 and 14.00

Walking tour

1. City centre renaissance: investing in the quality of place

Manchester city centre has seen some fundamental changes over the last 15 years. It now boasts an increasingly diverse economic base, real investor confidence, a resident population of some 15,000, one of the highest concentrations of world class higher education activity in Europe along with cultural and leisure facilities that make it the nation's most important destination for overseas visitors outside London. The approach to regenerating Manchester and establishing it as a world class regional capital city has been shaped around four key components – creating robust partnerships; developing positive planning; promoting design excellence; and creating a world class public realm.

Commencing at Manchester Town Hall this site visit will highlight how the role of world class architecture and public realm along with the establishment of a broad range of international cultural facilities has enabled the City Council, along with key stakeholders – landowners, institutional investors, developers and architects – to create a regional centre that acts as an exemplar of urban renaissance in driving forward both regional economic competitiveness and city living agendas.

A short presentation at the beginning of the tour will give a strategic overview of how the city centre has developed over the last 10 years, the key issues the City Council are facing in terms of redeveloping the city centre, and what is on the horizon which will sustain the forward momentum created. A walking tour will follow, including the Conference Quarter, Spinningfields, the Millennium Quarter and the Piccadilly Gateway. This site visit will be led by Peter Babb, Head of Planning at Manchester City Council.



Public transportation/ walking tours

2. Salford and Trafford Quays: from derelict docks to international tourist attraction

This study tour will explore the successful regeneration of the former derelict Manchester Docks into the award winning Salford and Trafford Quays. It will feature the National Millennium Project for the Arts – The Lowry, an international art and entertainment complex which was acclaimed Building of the Year 2001 and explore the Imperial War Museum North, a stunning Daniel Libeskind designed building on the Trafford side of the Ship Canal – Building of the Year 2003.

The Quays was one of the most outstanding venues for the Commonwealth Games in 2002; it has established itself as host for the annual World Triathlon event; is home to a major water based community facility; and now provides new residences, commercial and business premises, shopping and leisure.

The tour will incorporate a short walking tour of the waterside and viewings of The Lowry and the Imperial War Museum. Both the Lowry and the IWM have acted as catalysts for the continued regeneration of the Quays and the adjacent Trafford Park Industrial Estate – Europe's largest employing over 40,000 people – are major priorities for Salford and Trafford Councils and their partners.

3. Sale Waterside: town centre revitalisation outside the big city

**BURA Best Practice Award Winner 2004 and
North West Business Environment Waterside
Regeneration Award Winner 2004**

"Trafford Council's Sale Waterside project has involved the comprehensive regeneration of the heart of this Greater Manchester suburb. The project has focused on redeveloping the historic Town Hall and on repositioning the historic Bridgewater Canal at the heart of a revitalised town centre. Previously, a busy road ran between the canal and the Town Hall, effectively creating a barrier between the waterway and the town. The towpath and canal-side area within the town was neglected and significantly under-utilised; there was no sense of place."

"Sale is outside the area that can benefit from current mainstream regeneration funding, and has addressed this problem by delivering the development through a ground breaking Private Finance Initiative between Trafford Council and COFATHEC (a French facilities management company). Trafford has generated its financial contribution via a Borough-wide review of estates holdings, which led to the release of some properties to provide the funds to kick-start the project. Sale Waterside has now become a major destination in its own right along the Bridgewater Canal. The busy road has been replaced by a clean, contemporary civic space with character, activity and quality. The canal is now used constructively; the arts facilities are flexible and accessible; the leisure and commercial uses are attractive; the youth facility and library have been well integrated, and the Council offices are bright, open and user-friendly for both staff and public."

"The Sale Waterside project has invested in improving the heart of Sale and in making the best possible use of excellent public transport links. It has unified what were previously four rather separate elements; the pedestrianised part of Sale town centre; the Town Hall; the canal-side; and the Metrolink station. The project has strengthened the 'offer' of Sale town centre against the severe competition it faced both from a resurgent Manchester City Centre and also from the nearby Trafford Centre. Around 600 people now work on the site and in its immediate vicinity, as compared with a small number before the project started".

That is what BURA said, you can judge for yourself!

Trams for Sale site visit kindly sponsored by Metrolink.



Coach tours

4. Manchester: Knowledge Capital – driving forward sustainable regional economic growth through the Knowledge Economy

The Manchester Knowledge Capital Initiative was Manchester's response to the Deputy Prime Minister's request in 2002 for each of the English Core Cities to develop a City Prospectus that would set out each city's long-term vision for sustainable economic growth. Manchester's prospectus set out the unique opportunity for the city and its neighbouring boroughs to deliver the national objectives of improved productivity and social equity. The proposals are bold, imaginative and exciting but firmly rooted in an awareness that the conurbation's assets and approach to partnership working, taken together, have the potential to create a new type of 21st century city – an economic powerhouse based on knowledge that will drive up local, regional and national economic and social performance. This site visit will be led by Cathy Garner, Managing Director of Manchester: Knowledge Capital.

The tour will provide an opportunity to gain an overview of the Knowledge Capital initiative and see how this is being translated into action on the ground, through the creation of new assets capable of exploiting the knowledge base at the core of the Greater Manchester conurbation. Beginning at UK Biobank, the world's biggest resource for the study of the role of nature and nurture in health and disease, delegates will hear some of the findings so far on how health is affected by the complex interactions between genes, environment and lifestyle. The tour will move on to Spinningfields, one of the largest new city centre business quarters in Europe, which will integrate high-quality commercial, civic, residential, retail and open space into Manchester's thriving city centre. The development has already secured the pre-let for the Royal Bank of Scotland's headquarters.

At Spinningfields delegates will also have the opportunity to hear about the vision for the Arc of Opportunity and gain a birds-eye view of the areas of the city centre it is intended to link up. The last site visit of the tour will take delegates on to the University of Salford, where a presentation will be given on the Virtual Reality Centre – an exciting development in virtual knowledge sharing and an excellent example of the work being done to improve the knowledge interface.

5. Creating sustainable and inclusive housing markets: the lessons from Hulme

Hulme was Manchester's first comprehensive restructuring of a local housing market. The Hulme redevelopment programme commenced during the early 1990s and is now widely regarded as one of the country's first and most successful examples of creating a sustainable and inclusive housing market. Manchester's experience in shaping and implementing their radical approaches to the regeneration of Hulme has informed their approach to the establishment of the Manchester Salford Housing Market Renewal Pathfinder.

Delegates will be taken by bus from Manchester Town Hall to the Zion Centre in Hulme. At the beginning of the tour there will be a brief overview of the approach to the regeneration of Hulme, the key lessons that have been learnt from that experience, and indicate how they have been taken forward into the Manchester Salford Housing Market Renewal Pathfinder. A walking tour will follow that will offer the opportunity for delegates to see the Hulme of 2005. This site visit will be led by Eamonn Boylan, Deputy Chief Executive at Manchester City Council.

6. The Commonwealth Games: the legacy to East Manchester

East Manchester is one of the largest and most complex regeneration projects in the UK, covering an area of around 2500 acres, stretching from the fringe of Manchester city centre to the western edge of the city's boundaries, and with a resident population of over 30,000 people. To drive forward the regeneration of East Manchester the City Council, along with the North West Development Agency (NWDA) and English Partnerships, formed New East Manchester (NEM) Ltd. The company, along with Beacons for a Brighter Future – the New Deal for Communities Partnership – again led by the City Council, has been at the forefront of establishing East Manchester as an attractive place to live and work with a range and quality of facilities and services that can meet the needs of the existing community and attract new residents into the area.

The East Manchester initiative marries large-scale physical transformation with community-focused interventions designed to improve the economic prospects of, and social conditions for, existing residents. The initiative is led by New East Manchester. The visit will provide delegates with a brief overview of NEM's strategic approach to regenerating this part of the city and an opportunity to see a wide range of schemes – Sportcity, the New Islington Millennium Village, Beswick and Central Park – along with a number of community based initiatives that are helping address the issues confronting East Manchester residents in their everyday lives. Delegates will be taken by bus from Manchester Town Hall to East Manchester. This site visit will be led by Tom Russell, Chief Executive of New East Manchester Ltd.

Coach travel for site visits 4,5 and 6, kindly sponsored by First



7. Partington Health Park: a sustainable community in action

Everybody talks about sustainable communities but what does it mean? The people of Partington on the western edge of Trafford Borough in Greater Manchester are starting to find out. Despite being one of the most deprived communities in England, Partington has missed out on recent large scale neighbourhood renewal funding although it has benefited from Single Regeneration Budget (SRB) and European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). As those programmes come to an end, there has been a major effort to use mainstream funds to carry on the momentum. This is exemplified by the innovative Partington Health Park which has pooled the resources of a number of agencies, including the Council, the Primary Care Trust (PCT) and Sure Start. Forming the gateway to the health park is a multi use Healthy Living Centre forming a landmark building in the town centre. The Healthy Living Centre provides an important community meeting point and a focus for local services. Local people from the newly formed Development Trust, which manages the Centre, will be on hand to tell the full story.

8. Building inclusive and empowered partnerships in Central Salford

Central Salford is an area of significant need and opportunity, manifested by a patchwork of existing regeneration initiatives and burgeoning developer interest, not exclusively within the Regional centre. Salford City Council, NWDA and English Partnerships are working towards setting up an Urban Regeneration Company, set to be the first of the next generation of Urban Regeneration Companies (URCs). One of the URCs critical success factors will be building clear relationships with local partnerships and the private sector which play to strengths and enable a co-ordinating and added value role for the URC.

Focusing on the development of the URC and the Charlestown and Lower Kersal New Deal Community (NDC), the tour/workshop will explore the essential 'dos and don'ts' of building inclusive and empowered partnerships capable of engaging residents. Members, service providers, public funding agencies and the private sector. It will also enable attendees to see for themselves key partnership-based projects in the NDC area and hear the reflections of the URC partners on the set up process.

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Sub-plenaries and workshops

A1. Creating successful partnerships: lessons from Millennium Communities

Chair: Margaret Ford, Chairman, English Partnerships

Greenwich Millennium Village is one of seven ambitious schemes in English Partnerships' Millennium Communities Programme. It has gained 30 awards and accolades and is one of the most successful regeneration projects of our time. But what of the other six schemes? What challenges do they face and how are they tackling those trials in today's economic and social environment?

What are the lessons of the Millennium Communities Programme for other projects? How can it help drive up standards of urban design, construction and environmental performance across the country?

Find out how each Millennium Community found its own approach to creating thriving, new sustainable communities through the video diaries of seven different partners, including: local residents, housebuilders and developers, housing associations, and local authorities. And have your chance to question them directly.

Keith Hill, Housing Minister, will outline English Partnerships' role in delivering higher standards and **John Callcutt**, Chief Executive, Crest Nicholson, will talk about the benefits of partnership working

Keith Hill and John Callcutt, will then join a panel, including some of the video diarists, and **Sir Howard Bernstein**, Chief Executive, Manchester City Council, to develop the themes of the Millennium Communities Programme and to explore how examples of good practice can be adopted elsewhere.

A2. Today's homeless households, tomorrow's workers

Chair: Terrie Alafat, Director, Homelessness and Housing Support, ODPM

How do we overcome affordability and support issues, to promote settled housing and employment? How can partnership working between statutory, corporate and voluntary and community sectors improve the life chances of those that have experienced homelessness and temporary accommodation? What is the best practice and how can we learn from international experience?

Terrie Alafat will set the scene, followed by presentations from:

Anthony Lawton, Chief Executive, Centrepoin, on the experience of the Pilot Employment Support Project, which is helping young homeless people to access employment.

Linda Butcher, Chief Executive, Off the Streets and Into Work, and **Gareth Hall**, Unit Head, Housing Access, London Borough of Waltham Forest: provide examples of partnership working and progress of the EQUAL programme, to overcome the barriers to employment that households in temporary accommodation face.

Rosanne Haggerty, founder & President, Common Ground, New York, and **Tony Hannigan**, Executive Director, Centre for Urban Community Studies, share some international experience of helping vulnerable people improve their employability through developing mixed communities in America.

Then put your questions to the panel:

Terrie Alafat, **Anthony Lawton**, **Linda Butcher**, **Gareth Hall**, **Rosanne Haggerty**, **Tony Hannigan**, **Jeremy Jones**, former drug addict, now Director, York Arc Light Project
Shaks Ghosh, Chief Executive, Crisis
Mike Kelly, KMPG

Sub-plenaries and workshops (continued)

A3. Private sector returns from sustainable communities

Chair: David Taylor, Chair, Silvertown Quays Limited

Where are private sector investors making a commitment to sustainable communities and how are they making their returns? A range of experts share their different perspectives: how they make it work, their projects and experiences, the opportunities and the factors for success.

Martin Moore, Managing Director, Prudential Property Investment Managers, is responsible for one of the largest investment portfolios in the UK and overseas and has an international perspective.

Phillip Clark, Head, Specialist Property Funds, Morley Fund Management, leads the fund's investment in regeneration through specialist funds such as the ISIS partnership, a joint venture with British Waterways and Amec, and sponsors the IPD based Regeneration Property Index.

Barbara Turnbull, Director, Royal Bank of Scotland, is responsible for investment in the developer Priority Sites, a joint venture with English Partnerships, as well as regeneration schemes such as Manchester-Salford Housing Market Renewal Pathfinder.

Stephen Barter, Group Projects Director, Grosvenor, will provide an insight into the Liverpool Paradise Street development which has attracted international investor support.

David Hill, Chief Executive, Ashford Council, gives a perspective as a local authority which is a focus for the Government's Growth Areas strategy.

Stephen Dance, Partnerships UK, advises the private and public sectors on partnership structures and is at the forefront of financial innovation.

A4. Housing demand – a suitable case for treatment?

Chair: Dame Mavis McDonald, Permanent Secretary, ODPM

An interactive session exploring the case for growth in high demand areas and some of the key barriers to growth.

Stewart Murray, Head of Planning, London Borough of Barnet will set out the positive benefits of housing growth and the dangers we face if no action is taken to address high housing demand.

The session will then explore some of the key barriers to housing delivery and how they can be addressed. Four case studies will show where specific barriers have been overcome:

Nick Townsend, Group Legal Director, Wilson Bowden PLC, shows how Wilson Bowden have been able to dispel public opposition to high density development.

Jerome Frost, Director, Planning Advisory Service Advisory Team on Large Applications, highlights how infrastructure barriers have been overcome.

Charmaine Young, Regeneration Director, St George PLC, will say how St George have been able to achieve community mix through a mixed tenure development.

Tony Talbot, Chief Executive, Marston Vale Community Forest, Bedfordshire, explains how housing growth has been the catalyst for improving access to quality green space for local communities.

A5. Getting communities involved

Chair: Professor Anne Power, founder member, National Tenants' Resource Centre

Empowering local people builds social capital and cohesion, by strengthening the capacity of local communities. It also strengthens governance and service delivery, by ensuring people are involved in decision-making.

This session looks at how we can empower communities to interact with local and central government, and how we can empower communities and groups to break down barriers and work with each other.

Yvette Cooper, ODPM Minister, will set out the government's agenda for communities.

Ed Cox, Community Pride Initiative Manchester, will discuss the lessons from the Institute of Development Studies' report: *Representation, Community Leadership and Participation: Citizen Involvement in Neighbourhood Renewal and Local Governance*, and explore some of the issues and challenges with the empowerment agenda from a grassroots perspective.

John Kelleher, Tavistock Institute, will look at the lessons from the community facilitation programme evaluation.

This session will also hear from communities themselves, including residents of Castle Vale and their experiences of being involved as part of the regeneration of their community.

A6. Do you have what it takes? – Skills for sustainable communities

Chair: Rebecca George, Director, UK Government Business, IBM and member of the Egan Review

The National Centre for Sustainable Communities Skills will promote world class skills through cross-occupational learning for everyone involved in the sustainable communities agenda.

This session will provide an opportunity for you to have your say about the National Centre. What are your ideas on its role? How could it help you deliver sustainable communities?

Richard McCarthy, Director General, Sustainable Communities, ODPM, will provide an overview of the activities and the functions of the National Centre, including the international dimension of the National Centre's work.

Roger Madelin, Chief Executive, Argent Group PLC, will provide a private sector perspective of the skills challenges for the sector, what role the National Centre can play and how the private sector needs to respond.

Michael Hayes, President, Royal Town Planning Institute, will outline the culture change agenda – the need for professions to look outside old boundaries and their roles to be widely recognised as critical in establishing strong, viable communities; and how we all need to connect to delivering something different.

A7. Can growth be green? New urbanism and sustainable communities

Chair: Paul Finch, Deputy Chair, CABI

What are the true choices, trade offs and implications for building a new generation of authentically sustainable communities? What balance should be drawn between the retention and regeneration of open land and the need to find space and scale to develop new communities that can add value to existing towns and countryside alike?

By use of an exemplary case study, this session will explore the dilemmas, trade offs and techniques for building major extensions to existing settlements. It will also consider the growing interest in the US concept of 'new urbanism' and urban coding, and explore the lessons and parallels for sustainable communities.

Paul Murrain, Senior Design Director, The Prince's Foundation, will give an opening presentation examining the apparent tensions between 'environmentalism' and sustainable urbanism, using a relevant case study to pose the dilemmas and point to positive solutions.

Paul will then join an expert panel to debate these issues and you'll have your chance to question them and have your say. Other panellists include:

John Norquist, former Mayor of Milwaukee and CEO and President of the Congress for New Urbanism, based in Chicago

Professor Sir Peter Hall, President, Town and Country Planning Association

Peter Redfern, Chief Executive, George Wimpey plc
Samantha Heath, Co-Chair, London Sustainable Development Commission

Sub-plenaries and workshops (continued)

A8. Reaching the most disadvantaged

Chair: Claire Tyler, Director, Social Exclusion Unit

Creating Sustainable communities means meeting the needs of all – including the most disadvantaged. The session will start with an overview by Claire Tyler, and an update on the most current information on social exclusion.

Lord Victor Adebawale, Chief Executive, Turning Point, and a renowned commentator on exclusion, will set out some of the implications for building sustainable communities. Turning Point deals with clients with multiple and complex needs, and is in the forefront of initiatives to provide new models of support built around users needs. Victor will explore how sustainable communities need to take full account of excluded and marginalised groups, to include them fully in the community.

The session will continue with a more detailed view from **Jane Slowey**, Chief Executive of the Foyer Federation, together with a service user. Practical solutions to complex problems will only be effective if they are based on local solutions and the direct involvement of users, and these lessons will be brought out in the presentation.

The final discussion will involve all speakers and **Barbara Evans**, from Telford and Wrekin Council, giving the voice of a local authority involved in the commissioning of services.

B1. Cities and regions for growth

Chair: Rob Smith, Director General, Regional Development Group, ODPM

Despite the UK's economic success, an economic differential between North and South has built up for over 50 years – a differential that affects the relative stability, success and sustainability of our communities in the regions.

Find out about the new and innovative approaches being taken by the Core Cities Working Group, the Northern Way Steering Group, and also the Midlands and South West, to put cities and city-regions at the heart of driving up regional economic performance.

What are the opportunities and challenges to all regional, sub-regional and local stakeholders – both public and private – in this work?

Lord Jeff Rooker, Minister for Regeneration and Regional Development, will speak about the Government's views on the importance of cities and regions for economic growth.

Cllr Ken Hardeman, Cabinet Member for regeneration, Birmingham City Council, will talk about the work being done by the country's core cities, of which, Birmingham is one.

Sir Ian Wrigglesworth, Executive Chairman, UK Land Estates and member of the Northern Way Steering Group (as its business development representative), will talk about the importance of business involvement in inter-regional growth strategies.

Sir Bob Kerslake, Chief Executive, Sheffield City Council, will talk about the city-region approach to inter-regional growth strategies.

Martin Briggs, Chief Executive, East Midlands Development Agency, will speak about the Midlands approach to inter-regional growth, what it has learnt from the Northern Way and what it is doing differently.

Juliet Williams, Chair, South West of England Development Agency, will talk about the South West's response to inter-regional growth strategies, The Way Ahead, and its response to the Sustainable Communities Plan.

B2. Cleaner, safer, greener communities for all

Chair: Gilly Drummond, English Heritage Commissioner and Patron of GreenSpace

Liveability issues have risen in prominence over the last three years and are now national and local priorities. But what does a cleaner, safer and greener community mean to you? What does it mean to business, local government and local people? And just what are government and delivery partners doing to create cleaner, safer and greener environments? Are they making a difference?

Phil Hope, ODPM Minister for Liveability, will set out Government's perspective on liveability and its aspirations.

Elizabeth Bowcock, Bolton Youth Environmental Group, explaining what children and young people think about their local environment.

Tom Flood CBE, Chief Executive Officer, BTCV, will emphasise how can we engage communities.

Peter Bishop, Director, Environmental Services, London Borough of Camden, giving the local authority perspective on liveability services.

Tom Godwin, Assistant Commissioner, Metropolitan Police, looking at how we make our streets and local environments safer places.

Louise Casey, National Director, Anti-social Behaviour Unit, will highlight how we can encourage more respect for, and better use of, our public spaces.

Ben Page, Head, Government Research, MORI will reveal the findings of MORI's research on why liveability matters.

David Prout, Director, Local Government Policy, ODPM, will give a brief summary of the debate and close the session.

B3. Doing business in poorer communities

Chair: John Spence, Director, Policy Co-ordination and Risk, Lloyds TSB

The private sector has a key role in creating sustainable communities through business investment and engagement in deprived areas. This session is an opportunity to share experience and inspire greater partnership working to make a difference to the lives and prospects of our most disadvantaged communities.

Nigel Griffiths MP, Minister for Construction, Small Business and Enterprise, will set out the Government's vision for the economic renewal of our most deprived areas.

John Spence, will summarise the main recommendations of the Private Sector Advisory Panel on neighbourhood renewal, and the Government's response to them.

Shaun Edgeley, Corporate and Legal Affairs Director, Tesco, will explain how and why a leading retailer like Tesco supports regeneration.

Bill Boler, Business in the Community, will outline emerging findings from the Under-served Markets project, set up to promote greater commercial investment in deprived areas, and also provide a US perspective.

Angie Robinson, Chair of Salford Local Strategic Partnership, will offer a private sector insight on what all this means on the ground to disadvantaged communities.

You will have the chance to question the speakers and offer your own experience and views on the business case for supporting sustainable communities.

Sub-plenaries and workshops (continued)

B4. Renewing housing markets – raising quality and raising values

Chair: Jon Rouse, Chief Executive, Housing Corporation

The Market Renewal Programme is a flagship part of the Sustainable Communities Plan. The nine market renewal pathfinders are up and running and they are beginning the long-term transformation of their areas. This session will explore in depth the role that Pathfinders are planning to turn around their areas in partnership with other organisations in the public and private sectors.

Yvette Cooper, ODPM Minister, sets out how market renewal forms a vital part of the Government's Sustainable Communities Plan.

Max Steinberg, Chief Executive, Elevate Pathfinder, explains what the East Lancashire pathfinder is doing to marry economic transformation with housing market renewal.

Nigel McGurk, Director, Countryside Properties, offers the view of a private developer and explains how best to involve developers to deliver sustainable regeneration.

Gerard Murden, Group Enterprise Director, PLUS Group, shows how you can deliver and manage transformational change while still retaining community support.

Joanna Averley, Director of Enabling, CABE, highlights the importance of putting high quality design at the heart of the agenda, with examples of some of the most imaginative work emerging from the pathfinders.

B5. Health and sustainable communities

Chair: Professor Sue Atkinson CBE, London Regional Director of Public Health

People want to be healthy and they want, accessible, high quality health services – wherever they live. Sustainable Communities presents opportunities and challenges for health both in the Growth Areas and the Northern Way.

With senior policy makers we will explore how to design developments and communities which promote health and wellbeing, and the importance of integrating health with other services as a vital part of sustainable communities. Our panel includes:

Helen France, Executive Director of Development and Partnerships, NorthWest RDA

Selina Mason, Head of Enabling (Sustainable Communities), CABE

Mike Wilson, Director of Regeneration, North West London Strategic Health Authority.

Working in small groups, local practitioners will share lessons from experiences of Local Improvement Finance Trust (LIFT) schemes in South Manchester and North East London, and developments in Salford and the Greenwich Millennium Village. What went well? What went less well? How can we use this knowledge to realise our vision for a healthy future for communities, whether existing or new?

B6. State of the cities

Chair: Cllr David Sparks, Dudley Council and Chair, LGA Environment Board

What's the state of our towns and cities, and how they are changing? What are the challenges and opportunities facing them, and how can they be addressed?

A major piece of research has been commissioned by the ODPM to answer these questions. This research will be the first comprehensive audit of urban conditions and trends in England.

This session provides an opportunity to react to the work being undertaken and discuss some emerging findings, ahead of publication of the final report in late 2005.

Greg Clark, Adviser, City and Regional Development, ODPM, will set the scene and provide the policy context for the work.

Professor Michael Parkinson, European Institute of Urban Affairs, Liverpool John Moores University, leader of the research team.

Professor Tony Champion, University of Newcastle, will talk about the changing demographic scene.

Alison Park, National Centre for Social Research, will highlight attitudes of people to, and in, cities.

Professor Ivan Turok, University of Glasgow, sets out the challenges and experience of social exclusion in urban areas.

Professor James Simmie, Oxford Brookes University, explains the roots and nature of the economic competitiveness of English cities.

The session will also feature case studies of Manchester, Leicester and Sheffield.

Discuss the emerging findings and take this chance to feed into the final report.

B7. 'Could do better' – improving public services at the local level

Chair: Sheila Drew Smith, Commissioner, Audit Commission

How can improved local services contribute to sustainable communities? What role can performance improvement processes play in this?

This session will explore service improvement and its role in creating sustainable communities, looking in particular at user focus, community leadership, partnership working, and value for money. Case studies from Sheffield and Kettering will help identify what really drives improvement.

Nick Raynsford, Local Government Minister, and **Frances Done**, Managing Director, Local Government, Audit Commission, will set the scene from the Government's and the Audit Commission's perspective.

Speakers from Sheffield and Kettering will then look at what factors drive improvement in services.

The view from Sheffield: **Joanne Roney**, Executive Director, Housing and Direct Services, Sheffield City Council and **Dave Clarkson**, Manor Castle Development Trust.

The view from Kettering: **David Cook**, Chief Executive of Kettering District Council and **David Archer**, Northampton Fire Service.

B8. Creating communities with low environmental impact

Chair: Walter Menzies, Sustainable Development Commissioner and Chief Executive, Mersey Basin Campaign

Creating communities with low environmental impact must be a priority if we are to deliver sustainable communities and address climate change. How does this impact on you?

Elliot Morley, Environment Minister, and **Sir John Harman**, Chairman of the Environment Agency, will give their perspectives on the need for sustainable communities to minimise our global impact.

Alan Cherry, Chairman, Countryside Properties, will show how developments are achieving high environmental standards and excellent design, providing places where people enjoy living.

Nicky Gavron of the GLA, will present the regional perspective about the challenges and opportunities for creating sustainable communities through spatial strategies.

Robert Napier of WWF, will round up with progress towards one million sustainable homes in the context of our global footprint before the discussion is opened to the floor.

As well as the workshop, the Sustainable Development Commission is running a web-based 'chat room' through January and February as a forum for debating the issues as well as an interactive resource for good practice case studies in your area. Log onto the web site at www.sd-commission.org.uk/communitiessummit

Sub-plenaries and workshops (continued)

C1. Transforming neighbourhoods through great design

Chair: Richard Simmons, Chief Executive, CABE

Good design is crucial to creating sustainable communities. But do we know what a well designed and sustainable neighbourhood looks like? How can we ensure that in 20 years we will have created places that have stood the test of time? What can we learn from our European neighbours in creating successful neighbourhoods?

This session will hear from leading designers, planners and developers from the UK, Netherlands, Germany, and Ireland.

Sjoerd Soeters, Soeters Van Eldonk Ponc Architects, Amsterdam is at the forefront of some of the Netherlands most admired and adventurous housing projects and masterplans, including Java Island.

Ulrich Becker, Urbanplan, Berlin in a planner engaged in the renewal of major social housing estates in East and West Berlin and dealing with the realities of a shrinking city.

Dick Gleeson, City Planner, Dublin is at the heart of Dublin's renaissance and faced the challenges created by economic growth and the need for new homes. He was instrumental in the rejuvenation of Dublin's inner-city social housing and the adoption of plans and policies with design quality as a central aim.

June Barnes, CEO, East Thames Housing, **Jason Prior**, CABE Commissioner, and **Kelvin MacDonald**, RTPI, will then respond and debate how we can ensure our aspirations for great design become a reality, with an opportunity for you to make a contribution and put your question to the panel.

C2. Beyond the bid – how sport can contribute to sustainable communities

Chair: Richard Caborn, Sports Minister

The success of the Commonwealth Games in Manchester in 2002, and the powerful bid for the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics by London emphasise the growing importance of sport in developing sustainable communities. As well as the significant regeneration effect, these events also provide the catalyst to developing healthy living in new communities, and provide opportunities for people of all ages.

What are the particular problems with developing sport in disadvantaged communities? What lessons are there from the Manchester Games for London 2012? Can we develop Street Olympics, the Streetgames Project further? How can sport and activities for all ages be included in new communities?

Speakers will offer their insights about how sport and healthy living can be a vital part of new and existing communities. Speakers include:

Lord Carter, Chairman, Sport England and London 2012 Board Member, will focus on how major events and developments change the way Government views sport.

Melisa Mean, Demos, will examine how the benefits of London's bid can be used to develop a legacy for the whole country.

Sean McGonigal, Chief Executive, New Deal for Manchester, will discuss what lessons have been learned from the Commonwealth Games in 2002 and how the Games have been a catalyst to the development of East Manchester.

Brian Dickens, London Sport Action Zone Manager, and Pioneer of StreetGames which is now in 20 areas across the UK.

C3. Regional success, national results

Chair: Dame Mavis McDonald, Permanent Secretary, ODPM

Regional economic success can only be achieved through close working relationships between regional and local partners. As responsibilities and funding move from Whitehall to the regions, how can the RDAs and other regional and local partners make best use of their growing freedoms and flexibility to secure sustained improvements in economic performance in every English region?

John Healey, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, will set out how Government is tackling head on the economic disparities that have afflicted the British economy for the past 50 years. By explaining the strategy the Government has in place to reverse these trends this session will explore the role of regional and local partners in achieving this common target.

Margaret Fay, Chairman, One NorthEast, will set out how RDA partnerships with local authorities, the private sector and others can transform England's regions. Key partners will give their perspectives on working together to meet the challenge.

Sir Sandy Bruce-Lockhart, Chairman,
Local Government Association.

Tom Bloxham, Group Chairman, Urban Splash.

Hear about the progress made so far, examine the common ingredients for good partnership working and discuss the next steps for effective sustainable economic development.

C4. Opening up potential – the role of transport in sustainable communities

Chair: Professor David Begg, Chair of the Commission for Integrated Transport

What is transport's contribution to delivering key objectives such as sustainable growth, regeneration, improved accessibility and social inclusion?

How does an approach to transport planning and investment decisions that is clearly integrated with spatial, economic and social objectives, deliver better solutions than when transport policies and investment strategies are developed in relative isolation?

Speakers will offer a national, regional and local perspective of what transport is helping to achieve and of how we need to build on this to address the opportunities and challenges we face.

Speakers include:

Robert Devereux, Director General, Roads, Regional and Local Transport Group, Department for Transport;

John Hoare, Chair, Regional Transport Forum, Yorkshire and Humber Assembly.

Gordon Mitchell, Chief Executive of Nottingham City Council.

Share your thoughts and best practice experience of how transport can contribute to opening up potential and achieving sustainable communities.

C5. Anything is possible! How partnership and strong leadership can provide effective solutions

Chair: Cllr Simon Milton, Leader, Westminster City Council

Leadership needs to be demonstrated at all levels and across partnerships. This session will show how strong leadership through partnership working can lead to effective delivery in neighbourhoods and how you can

bring these together successfully to enable you to make a change in your own local area.

This session will explore leadership and partnership working in practice through live case studies and a video. This will demonstrate how leadership and partnership working through Local Strategic Partnerships can improve delivery of targets at a neighbourhood level.

Tim Campbell, urban adviser, World Bank Institute, will share his views on leadership based on first-hand accounts from mayors, local officials and neighbourhood leaders.

Bryony Rudkin, Leader, Suffolk County Council, will outline what the local authority has already achieved through partnership and leadership, and their ambitions for taking the agenda forward.

There will be an opportunity to put your questions to the panel on the challenges to delivering change and resolving them. The panel includes:

Neil Kinghan, Director General, Local and Regional Government, ODPM.

Joe Montgomery, Director General, Tackling Disadvantage Group, ODPM.

Vince Taylor, Partnership Director, Sheffield First Local Strategic Partnership.

C6. Zen and the art of sustainable communities. Why do it?

Chair: Jehangir Sarosh, European President, World Conference of Religions for Peace

What are the human values underlying the official language of sustainable communities. What does it mean to talk about 'holistic' communities?

Speakers will explore what people and communities make of all the language about the successful delivery of sustainable communities and how this 'success' is measured. Do the 'grass roots' know something the 'professionals' have forgotten? Do faith traditions in particular bring any distinctive insight?

Jane Roberts, Leader, London Borough of Camden, consultant child and adolescent psychiatrist, and a member of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation Single Programme Committee on Governance and Public Services.

Iqbal Asaria, Chair of the Muslim Council of Britain's Business & Economics Committee, former adviser to the IMF and World Bank, and served on the Bank of England working party which developed ways to incorporate into UK law the changes required to allow a level playing field for Shari'a compliant finance products.

Nazila Ghanea-Hercock, Senior Lecturer in International Law and Human Rights at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, with a background in International Relations and Human Rights law.

C7. Shaking the tree – the dynamics of town and country

Chair: Lord Jeff Rooker, Regeneration Minister

Communities in urban and rural areas depend upon each. This session discusses those links and the issues involved, with some of the best practice from those that have worked to make the most of this web of interdependence. This session will pool further examples of how this can be made to work for others.

Lord Jeff Rooker, will highlight the interdependence of town and country and set out the new agenda of green infrastructure, growth areas and sustainability in both town and country

Professor Neil Ward, Head, Centre of Rural Economy, Newcastle University, will talk about how to make the most of the economic links between town and country, the new rural economy, and diversity and inclusion.

Clive Davies, Director of North East Community Forests, will show how partnerships have created opportunities for all in the countryside around towns over the last 15 years of community forest experience

Stephen Littlewood, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Urban Development and Environmental Management Leeds Metropolitan University, will give a case study of successful development related to urban and rural interaction

Pam Warhurst, Deputy Chair, Countryside Agency, will lead discussion of your best practice examples

Alun Michael, Rural Affairs Minister, will close by identifying the government's lead through Pathfinders and other initiatives.

C8. Sustainable learning communities: it's about engaging people really!

Chair: Ivan Lewis, Minister for Skills and Vocational Education

Creating sustainable communities is about more than just bricks and mortar. It's also about working to influence and shape communities of people and how they live and work together. Working with communities and employers, the achievement of stretching economic, social and environmental objectives requires an attack on poor aspirations in families to help raise the 'status' of learning.

This session will explore these issues and stimulate a strategic discussion about the key drivers, constraints and mechanisms that influence how people in local communities can be engaged to more readily contribute to regeneration and sustainable growth.

The workshop will start with short inputs from the speakers looking at the issues involved and move on to an interactive question time session.

Pat Dubas, Head of an Extended School in Nottingham, will present a case study that shows how the school is supporting the local community and contributing to the wider economic and social context.

Chris James, Director of Asset Skills, Sector Skills Council, will highlight the importance of ensuring we have the skills we need.

Alan Tuckett, Director of NIACE (National Institute of Adult Continuing Education) will talk about some of the barriers to community participation in learning and skills activity.

Matthew Pike, Director, Scarman Trust, will talk about the importance of meeting the needs of individual communities and how to engage them.

David Longbottom, HR director, Dixons Group, will lead discussion on the importance of employability and the part that employers have to play.

Felicity Everill, Regional Director, Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber, will focus on the key challenges facing local and national policy makers and how the different approaches can fit together.

Jane Kennedy, Minister for Work, will take part in the discussion and close the session by summarising the main outcomes.

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Where we live matters and good housing (or indeed poor housing) makes a huge difference to the quality of our lives. The Housing Corporation is in the business of changing people's lives for the better.

Good quality, affordable homes are the starting point for creating strong, sustainable communities with thriving local economies, reduced crime and other benefits including improved standards of health, reduced pollution and smaller energy bills.

Working with over 2,000 housing associations across England, we are managing the country's biggest-ever housebuilding programme – 67,000 new affordable homes by 2008, funded with a mix of £3.3 billion Government investment and private funding.

The people we help come from differing backgrounds and have varying requirements.

We recognise the problems faced by first time buyers in obtaining a home. It is crucially important to our society that our policemen, teachers, nurses and other key workers are able to afford to live in their local communities and we are working hard to help key workers across the country to rent or buy their own homes.

Around four per cent of our homes are designed specifically for people who have special needs. It is important that these residents are provided with the care and comfort they deserve.

In this country we have the oldest housing stock in Europe and the Government wants all affordable housing to be brought up to a decent standard by 2010. We are working closely with housing associations to ensure that this target is met.

However, just creating and improving homes is not enough. People need to live close to important amenities such as schools and shops. Much of the accommodation we provide is for families, and it is very important that children can learn and play in a safe and secure environment.

Housing associations play an important role in their local communities by supporting a wide range of initiatives and activities for people of all ages and backgrounds. Improving people's homes and making the area safer and more attractive can have a huge impact on people's lives and housing associations are embracing the principles of sustainable development with our enthusiastic support and guidance. You can see our joint efforts in action in communities across England – furniture schemes in West London, a breakfast club in Swanley and a tool library in Birmingham to name but three.

The need for more affordable homes in strong, sustainable communities is not negotiable – but it is not just a game of numbers. The challenge is to get it right and as a key player in the delivery of the Government's Sustainable Communities Plan, we are rising to this challenge. We are putting our huge amount of experience to good use to create safer, cleaner and greener neighbourhoods that people can enjoy for generations to come.



Masterclasses: proposed outlines

To attend these masterclasses, please pick up your ticket at the Swap Shop desk in the G-MEX foyer.

M1. Cllr Martin Pagel – Manchester City Council, Jack Pringle – President Elect, RIBA, Katherine Phipps – Chair of the DPTAC Built Environment Group: Sustainable Communities as Inclusive Communities – Access for all

This master class will focus on the importance of good design in planning for communities which are sustainable and accessible for all.

Cllr Martin Pagel, will provide first hand experience of how Manchester is delivering on its vision to be the most accessible city in Europe. He will refer to how Manchester embedded disability access in the planning of the 2002 Commonwealth Games and how disabled citizens are involved in decision about their environment.

Jack Pringle, President Elect, RIBA and Partner, Pringle Brandon Architects will explain how considering the needs of disabled people can lead to better design and greater accessibility for all.

This session will be chaired by **Katherine Phipps**, Chair of the DPTAC Built Environment Group.

M2. Brendan McAllister, Mediation Northern Ireland: Sustaining peace and building good relations: The role of mediators in community cohesion

This interactive workshop will examine the twin concepts of sustaining peace and building good relations, and consider the methodology of conciliation and mediation as used by Mediation Northern Ireland. Brendan will also draw upon recent experience in Oldham and invite participants to reflect on implications for their own areas of work.

M3. Barbara Young, Chief Executive of the Environment Agency: hazard ahead? Delivering homes on brownfield land

Dealing with hazardous construction waste is seen as a problem for developers but does it need to be?

The Landfill Tax has raised the cost of waste disposal year on year. Under new European law, the number of sites that take hazardous construction material has reduced in number from 240 to just 11 since July 2004 and the requirements are set to get even tougher in July 2005. Set against this tightening legal framework for the safe disposal of waste, the Government is putting increasing emphasis on building on land that has a legacy of industrial use and may be contaminated.

How do we reconcile the need for safe waste treatment of brownfield sites with the drive for new homes in the heart of our towns and cities?

This Masterclass will look for answers. Key players will discuss what can be done to ensure land remediation delivers wins for the environment, for developers and for residents.

M4. Ken Livingstone, Mayor of London: Devolution delivers – a regional approach to creating sustainable communities

The Mayor of London, **Ken Livingstone** will outline how his regional authorities responsible for planning, transport and economic development are working together to co-ordinate the necessary investment to deliver the Deputy Prime Minister's vision of sustainable communities. He will explain how a co-ordinated, devolved regional tier of government can take the decisions required to realise action on the ground and how he is working with other bodies within and outside London to make the case to government for additional resources. This includes the two major growth areas within London (Thames Gateway and London-Stansted-Cambridge corridor) as well as the region as a whole, all of which is under substantial pressure.

The Mayor will explain how he put in place an integrated policy framework – the London Plan – which is the first regional spatial strategy and places sustainable development at the heart of the strategy. He will also set out how major investment decisions he has taken with government support are already resulting in the improved infrastructure needed to support sustainable development.

Masterclasses: proposed outlines (continued)

M5. Mike Hayes, Royal Town Planning Institute, Dr Hugh Ellis, Friends of the Earth: planning – rising to the challenge

The session will consider the practical impacts on local authorities and the community of the Government's planning reform agenda and its importance for the delivery of sustainable communities. It will consider the new ways of working required by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the need for a change of culture amongst government bodies, business/developers and the wider community.

Presented by **Mike Hayes**, Immediate Past President of the Royal Town Planning Institute and Corporate Director, Watford Borough Council, and **Dr Hugh Ellis**, Friends of the Earth, Planning Adviser.

M6. Bruce Katz, The Brookings Institute Diagnosing Cities: lessons from America

Bruce Katz, of the The Brookings Institution, Washington leads the Metro Program which aims to redefine the challenges facing cities and metropolitan areas in the United States. Bruce is a prolific writer and commentator on urban and metropolitan issues. He regularly advises national, state, regional and municipal leaders in the US on policy reforms that advance the competitiveness of metropolitan areas.

Bruce also conducts 'urban diagnostics' for American cities, which aim to enable political leaders, private, community and voluntary partners to develop empirically-based agendas that build on cities' assets and helps them tackle their liabilities. Urban diagnostics are not simply indicators but are strategic policy development tools to help cities re-think their policies considering their liabilities, assets and developable assets. Their aim is to enable city leaders (and stakeholders) to develop a comprehensive and integrated agenda tailored toward their individual market.

This Masterclass will learn from the US experience and transfer any lessons to the British context. Can a similar tool be developed for British cities? How can the State of the Cities Report contribute to this and develop such a toolkit to be made available through the report?

M7. Gary Lawrence, Arup: turning good policy into good politics

One of life's lessons is that knowing the "right" answer is often the least important part of achieving better, more sustainable outcomes. This class is about the integration of planning, learning, management, communications, politics and evaluation required to achieve the success of Seattle's Comprehensive Plan "Toward a Sustainable Seattle" and how the lessons learned might apply to other communities.

M8. Panel discussion, presented by the Housing Forum: the vision for a new housing industry

Presented by the Housing Forum, this session will take the format of brief introductions by the panel of experts, followed by opening up the floor for a public debate.

Nigel Griffiths, Minister for Construction, will begin with the government's view for future housing innovation in the construction industry.

Dennis Lenard, Chief Executive of Constructing Excellence and the Housing Forum, will Chair the session and introduce it with a view of what is happening in housing construction industries abroad and what lessons can be learned from this.

Charlie Adams, Chief Executive of Hyde Housing Group will provide a client's view of the historical development of Modern Methods of Construction (MMC) in the social housing sector. Hyde pioneered the setting up of collaborative procurement of MMC in social housing, and is now leading in the use of several different methods of modern construction for new dwellings. Charlie will also give a view as to where the sector is now heading in terms of future innovation.

Ashley Lane, Director of Westbury Partnerships and Chair of the Barker 33 Review (facilitated by the House Builders Federation), will look at the manufacturing experience of Space 4, as well as the barriers and strategic issues for house builders in the use of MMC for the delivery of mixed tenure Sustainable Communities.

Bob White, Chief Executive of Mace will highlight the lessons from other sectors of the construction industry which can be brought into the design, manufacture and delivery of new homes in order to achieve the targets in the Sustainable Communities Plan.

M9. Sir Michael Hopkins, Architect – presented by the National Trust: Continuity and change – are heritage and regeneration compatible?

Creating sustainable communities is about more than providing spaces for people to work, live and play. It is about creating places that people will choose to inhabit and use. It is about the wise of existing assets and resources. And it is about understanding and reinforcing what makes places special and distinctive – ensuring continuity as well as change. Led by architect **Sir Michael Hopkins**, whose projects range from Portcullis House in the heart of Westminster to the David Mellor Cutlery Factory in rural Derbyshire, and chaired by **Tony Burton**, former member of the Urban Task Force and Director of Policy & Strategy for the National Trust, the masterclass will try to uncover the relationship between the quality of places (including the local historic environment) and its contribution or otherwise to successful regeneration.

M10. Panel discussion, presented by CABE: design coding uncovered

So what is all the fuss about? What is design coding and how applicable is it to the English way of doing things? It's been a year since the ODPM launched a programme to research the potential of design coding in England. Since then CABE and EP, along with our researchers and seven pilot projects have been testing the use of design codes and the role they might play in delivering sustainable communities. We've been keeping fairly quiet, until the Summit. Come to this masterclass and hear, exclusively, from experts involved in the pilot programme about early findings.

This session will provide an introduction to design coding and include a panel discussion and debate, ODPM's Urban Policy Director, **David Lunts**, from the national regeneration agency (**Trevor Beattie**, English Partnerships), local planner (**Lindsay Richards**, Northampton Borough Council), house builders (**Nick Sedgewick**, Taylor Woodrow and **Anne Mulroy**, Places for People), those who are drafting or testing codes (**Martin Crookston**, **Llewelyn-Davies**) and architects who will have to respond to a code (**Robin Nicholson**, Edward Cullen Architects). Come and debate whether design coding can help deliver more housing, of better quality, more quickly.

M11. Panel discussion presented by ENCAMS and CABE Space: changing places, changing behaviour

Anti-social behaviour is widely perceived to contribute to the decline in use of public space: it is frequently cited as the main barrier to any investment in improving the quality of public space. But if we look a bit deeper at what's going on we discover that the quality of the environment affects people's behaviour, for better or for worse. Can we use this understanding to prevent anti-social behaviour in the first place? Together ENCAMS and CABE Space explore the key lessons from working with young people to deter anti-social behaviour. They demonstrate ways in which improving the quality of public space through better design, management and maintenance, and engaging problem groups in these processes, can be a powerful way of tackling the costs, consequences and also the causes of anti-social behaviour. Chaired by **Julia Thrift**, Director of CABE Space, with presentations from **Alan Woods**, Chief Executive of ENCAMS and **Michael Rowan**, Director of Mile End Park.

M12. Sir Stuart Lipton in conversation with Dame Sally Powell: how developers make decisions – understanding the mind of a developer

Interacting with the British property market is a tricky business. Whether a home owner, investor or developer, we've probably all had times when we wished we had invested earlier, or made a braver decision.

This master class provides a unique opportunity to get in the mind of one of the UK's leading property developers. Sir Stuart's career is marked out by major ups, and a few downs.

How does a property developer of this stature make decisions about where and when to invest? How do you negotiate with a planning authority to get the best development you can? Come to this master class and hear an enlightening interview with **Sir Stuart Lipton**, Chairman of Stanhope and searching questions posed by **Cllr Dame Sally Powell**, London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham.

English Partnerships – the national regeneration agency

English Partnerships is the national regeneration agency helping the Government to support high quality sustainable growth in England. It has five core business areas: developing its portfolio of strategic sites, acting as the Government's specialist advisor on brownfield land, ensuring that surplus Government land is used to support wider Government objectives (especially the Sustainable Communities Plan), helping to create communities where people can afford to live and want to live, and supporting the urban renaissance by improving the quality of towns and cities.

English Partnerships' strength lies in its ability to lever national resources and critical mass – of landholdings, expertise and finance – where these can most make an impact. English Partnerships' task is to set the stage for developers, architects, local authorities and other partners in regeneration to work more effectively together, creating an appetite for sustainable development.

The Millennium Communities Programme

The Millennium Communities Programme aims to demonstrate a more sustainable way of living. The Programme sets the standard for high quality design, modern methods of construction, greater levels of energy efficiency and environmental best practice in the housing industry.

It also brings together new ways of planning, consulting, designing and constructing housing schemes. It challenges developers to utilise more environmentally friendly materials in house construction and to improve energy efficiency standards in homes themselves.

English Partnerships is developing seven communities as examples of best practice that will deliver 6,000 new homes by 2010. The Millennium Communities Programme sets out to demonstrate that energy-efficient, environmentally responsible development is achievable in different geographic locations and markets.

Greenwich Millennium Village has already won numerous awards and accolades, becoming an exemplar for sustainable communities. Six more communities are in progress at Allerton Bywater (near Leeds), Hastings (East Sussex), New Islington (East Manchester), Oakgrove (Milton Keynes), Telford (East Ketley) and South Lynn (King's Lynn).

To find out more about English Partnerships' work, Millennium Communities and modern methods of construction visit our exhibition stand, or join our sub-plenary session on Tuesday 1 February, at 11.30, in Bridgewater Hall.





RDAs

Regional success – National results

Regional Development Agencies (RDAs) are the Government's innovative solution to bringing sustainable economic development to the regions of England. RDAs are headed by leading business people so understand how government and business can best interact with each other. A regional approach to economic development allows businesses and communities to formulate solutions that are appropriate for the particular circumstances and strengths of each region. Created in 1999, RDAs have already had a significant impact.

Last year alone, RDAs...

- Created 90,000 jobs
- Helped start-up 6,000 businesses
- Reclaimed 1,200 hectares of brownfield land
- Created 194,000 learning opportunities
- Attracted £680m of private sector investment in deprived areas

New Responsibilities

From April 2005, RDAs will take on direct responsibility for the Business Link Network, which will be a significant step towards

better and more focused services for businesses across the country. Where businesses might feel overwhelmed by the variety of business support available to them, RDAs will work to streamline and simplify.

With a strengthened role in trade development, RDAs will work with UK Trade and Investment to make sure business support at home is closely integrated with support for trade overseas. Alongside this, RDAs will take on responsibility for research and development grants which will become better aligned with the priorities set out in our regional economic strategies.

April 2005 will also see an enhanced role for the RDAs in delivering on the Government's rural socio-economic agenda, with RDAs developing an improved business support mechanism for companies and organisations in rural areas.

To find out more about the work of RDAs and their partners, successes and challenges ahead, please come to the RDAs Workshop – Regional success – national results on Wednesday 2 February 2005, 11am–12.30pm, MICC.



Summit speaker biographies



Rt Hon John Prescott MP

Deputy Prime Minister

John Prescott has been Deputy Prime Minister since 1997. He headed the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions from 1997-2001, and in 2001 an Office of the Deputy Prime Minister was created in the Cabinet Office. In 2002 the ODPM was established as a separate department with responsibility for regional and local government, fire, housing, planning and regeneration. John Prescott held a series of Shadow Cabinet posts, dealing with regional affairs, employment, energy and transport, and in 1994 was elected Deputy Leader of the Labour Party.



Rt Hon Gordon Brown MP

The Chancellor of the Exchequer

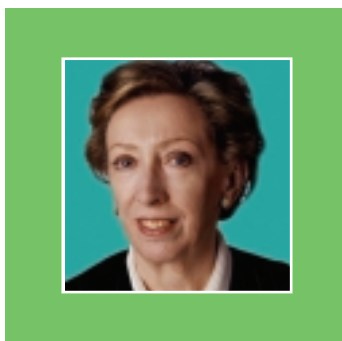
Gordon Brown was appointed as Chancellor of the Exchequer on 2 May 1997. He has been MP for Dunfermline East since 1983 and was Opposition spokesperson on Treasury and Economic Affairs (Shadow Chancellor) from 1992.



Rt Hon Charles Clarke MP

Home Secretary

Charles Clarke was appointed Home Secretary in December 2004. Previously he served as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for School Standards in 1998, Minister of State at the Home Office in 1999, Minister without Portfolio in 2001, and Secretary of State for Education and Skills from 2002 - 2004.



Rt Hon Margaret Beckett MP

Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Margaret Beckett has been Secretary of State at Defra since its formation in June 2001. In 1992 she was elected Deputy Leader of the Labour Party, becoming Leader between May and July 1994, after the death of the Rt Hon John Smith MP. She was appointed Secretary of State for Trade and Industry in 1997 and Leader of the House of Commons in July 1998.



Rt Hon Ruth Kelly MP

Secretary of State for Education and Skills

Ruth Kelly was appointed Secretary of State for Education and Skills in December 2004. She was elected to Parliament in 1997 and became Parliamentary Private Secretary to Nick Brown at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food the following year. She spent three years at HM Treasury as, successively, Economic Secretary and from May 2003, Financial Secretary. She was appointed Minister for the Cabinet Office in September 2004.



Rt Hon Keith Hill MP

Minister of State for Housing and Planning, ODPM

Keith Hill was appointed Minister for Housing and Planning in 2003. He leads on housing, planning, the Thames Gateway, urban policy and liveability and acts as Minister for London and the Dome. He was previously Deputy Chief Whip and Parliamentary Under Secretary for Transport (and Minister for London) at DETR from 1999.



Tony McNulty MP

Minister of State for Transport, DfT

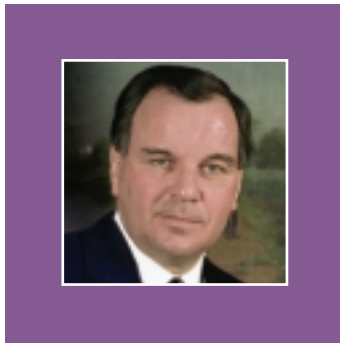
Tony McNulty has been Minister of State since September 2004, having previously served as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State from May 2002. Prior to that he was Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at ODPM. He has been the Member of Parliament for Harrow East since May 1997.



Joanna Averley

Director of Enabling, CABE

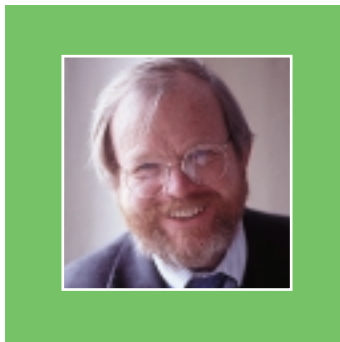
Joanna Averley leads CABE's work delivering Sustainable Communities in the housing market renewal and housing growth areas, as well as design coding. The Enabling Programme provides technical advice and support to organisations devising regeneration and master planning projects, as well as new buildings. Joanna was the project manager for the master planning of Manchester City Centre.



Richard M Daley

Mayor of Chicago

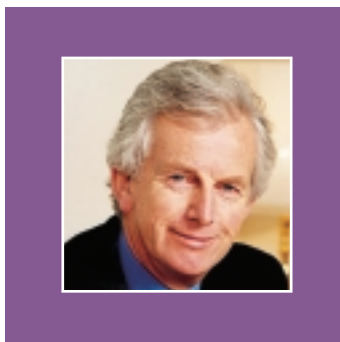
Richard M Daley has been mayor of Chicago since 1989. A former state senator and county prosecutor, he has earned a national reputation for his innovative, community-based programme, to address education, public safety, neighbourhood development and the environment. He has been named Municipal Leader of the Year by *American City and County* magazine, Public Official of the Year by *Governing* magazine and Politician of the Year by *Literary Journal*. In 1996 he headed the US Conference of Mayors.



Bill Bryson

English Heritage Commissioner

Bill Bryson was appointed a Commissioner of English Heritage in 2003. He settled in England in 1977, where he lived for many years before moving with his family back to America. In 2003, the Brysons returned to live here permanently. He is best known for *Notes from a Small Island* and, most recently, *A Short History of Nearly Everything*.



Sir Sandy Bruce-Lockhart

Chairman Local Government Association

Sir Sandy Bruce-Lockhart became Chairman of the Local Government Association in 2004. He has Leader of Kent County Council since 1997, having been first elected to in 1989. He is also Chairman of the Kent Thameside Delivery Board; a trustee of the Centre for Social Justice; and a school governor. He has written widely about public services and social issues.



Sir Graham Hall

Chair of the Northern Way Steering Group

In 2004, Sir Graham Hall became independent Chair of the Northern Way Steering Group, overseeing the £100 million growth fund for the economic renaissance of the North. Sir Graham is a former Regional Chairman of the CBI and was inaugural Chairman of Bradford Urban Regeneration in 2002. He was also CEO of Yorkshire Electricity Group PLC from 1998 - 2001 and served as Yorkshire Forward's Chairman from 1998 - 2003.



Professor Sir Peter Hall

**Bartlett Professor of Planning,
University College of London**

Sir Peter Hall has been Bartlett Professor of Planning since 1992 and was Director of the Institute of Communities Studies from 2001 - 2004. He was a member of the Deputy Prime Minister's Urban Task Force (1998-1999) and Special Adviser on Strategic Planning to the Secretary of State for the Environment from 1991- 1994. He is an honorary member of the Royal Town Planning Institute and received the RTPI Gold Medal in 2003. He was Chairman of the Town and Country Planning Association from 1995 - 1999 and is now its President.



Danuta Hübner

European Commissioner for Regional Policy

Recently appointed as Commissioner for Regional Policy, Danuta Hübner has had a distinguished career in her native Poland, the USA and Europe. From 2003 she was Minister for European Affairs responsible for European integration issues. Prior to that she represented Poland at the Convention on the Future of the European Union.



Hon Donald J Johnston

OECD Secretary-General

Donald Johnston has been OECD Secretary-General since June 1996 after a career as a lawyer and politician. Previously he was a Member of the Canadian Parliament (1978 - 1988) and served in the Cabinet, as President of the Treasury Board, Minister of State for Economic and Regional Development, Minister of Science and Technology, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada.



John Norquist

President & CEO, Congress for New Urbanism

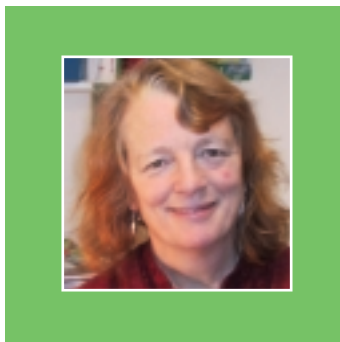
John Norquist, is President and CEO of the Congress for New Urbanism. As Mayor of Milwaukee the city experienced a decline in poverty, saw a boom in new downtown housing and became a leading centre of education and welfare reform. He is the author of *The Wealth of Cities* and has taught courses in urban policy and urban planning at a number of universities.



Councillor Richard Leese

Leader of Manchester City Council

Elected to Manchester City Council in 1984 Richard Leese was elected Leader in 1996, having previously been Deputy Leader and Chair of the Education and Finance Committees. He is heavily involved in regeneration activity including the board of the East Manchester Urban Regeneration Company. He is currently President of Eurocities, the network of large European cities.



Professor Anne Power

Professor of Social Policy, LSE and Member of the Sustainable Development Commission

Anne Power is Professor of Social Policy at the London School of Economics and leads a study to help produce a housing strategy for the London Thames Gateway. She was a member of the Urban Task Force and the Urban and Housing Sounding Boards. She is also a member of the Sustainable Development Commission.



Professor Amartya Sen

Lamont University Professor at Harvard University

Professor Sen is a Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge and Lamont University Professor at Harvard. In 1998 he was made a Nobel Laureate for his contributions to welfare economics. Professor Sen's research has ranged over a number of fields in economics and philosophy, including welfare economics, social choice theory, development economics and moral and political philosophy.

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