



## **Growing the economy of the future**

**Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Enterprise Partnership Annual Conference**

**18th January 2019 Uttoxeter Racecourse, ST14 8BD**

### **Agenda**

**8.30am on:** Registration

**9.20am:** LEP chairman David Frost CBE: The LEP's achievements and ambitions.

**9.40am: Keynote speech: Small Business Minister Kelly Tolhurst MP** (with Q&A)

**10am:** Delivering growth – Staffordshire County Council leader Cllr Philip Atkins OBE and Stoke-on-Trent City Council deputy leader Cllr Abi Brown

**10.20am:** Q&A with main speakers

**10.30am:** Coffee break

**11.00am:** Lorna Pimlott, policy director HS2 Phase 2 – skills and procurement opportunities and long-term growth via HS2

**11.20am:** Doing business in our region: case studies from leading firms

- Carol Shanahan, MD, Synectics Solutions, Staffordshire Business of the Year 2017 – business and community
- Suzanne Edwards and Steve Wileman, founders, Enlighten, Best Digital Business 2018 and Most Promising Start-up 2016, Staffordshire Chambers Business Awards – starting up in Staffordshire
- Tony Millar, founder, Great Grounds – landscaping, designing, educating and inspiring.

**12:00:** LEP vice chairman Alun Rogers, director, risual: Growing the future economy, and the Local Industrial Strategy

**12.15pm:** Q&A with LEP chairman David Frost and other speakers

**12.30pm:** Lunch and networking

**2pm:** Close