

City Leaders Panel

This important concluding part of Building Prosperous Cities will commence at 4.15 pm. We will hear from a selection of senior officers and elected members who serve city administrations in England.

- What role can their organisations play in attracting and delivering co-ordinated investment in green infrastructure and natural capital?
- What types of partnership, plan and action are needed?



Session chair



Peter Madden OBE is Chief Executive of the Future Cities Catapult. The Catapult exists to accelerate urban ideas to market, to grow the economy and make cities better. It brings businesses, universities and city leaders together to work with each other to solve the problems that cities face. Previously, Peter was Chief Executive of Forum for the Future, Head of Policy at the Environment Agency, Ministerial Adviser to the British Government, Director of Green Alliance and Head of Policy at Christian Aid. He is currently Board Counsellor to the Crown Estate, a member of Ingersoll Rand's Advisory Council, and a member of both the Smart London Board and the UK Government Smart Cities Forum. He received an OBE for services to sustainable development.

Panelists



Councillor Derek Antrobus has served as a Labour Member of Salford City Council since 1979. He currently sits on the Council's cabinet as Lead Member for Planning and Sustainable Development and is chairs the North West Regional Flood and Coastal Committee. He is a member of the Greater Manchester Housing and Planning Commission and a Board member of Greater Manchester's Natural Capital Group, which has been established to deliver the GM Local Nature Partnership. The LNP is part of the Low Carbon Hub, a key portfolio of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority. Alongside his role with the City Council, he works for the Open University as a social science lecturer.



Niall Bolger has been the Chief Executive of Sutton Council since March 2011. He works closely with Members of the Council to deliver an ambitious programme of transformation of both the Council and the Borough to create sustainable, prosperous and resilient communities. Niall is the lead Chief Executive for Environment and Climate Change for the Chief Executive London Committee, a member of the Resource London Board. He chairs the London RE:NEW Advisory Board. Niall is a qualified town planner. He has worked in and around local government for 28 years.



Councillor Lisa Trickett was elected as a Labour Councillor in 2012 to Birmingham's Moseley and Kings Heath Ward and was re-elected to the same ward in 2016 with an increased majority. In June of 2014 she was appointed to the Cabinet as Cabinet Member for a Smart, Green and Sustainable City. Lisa retained this post up until June 2016 when she became Cabinet Member for Clean Streets, Recycling and Environment under the leadership of Councillor John Clancy. She now has accountability for positioning Birmingham as a 'Green City' ready for the challenges of the future, and with a sustainable infrastructure that supports these objectives through initiatives that are delivered by the city council and also by partner agencies, private and third sector organisations.



Mark Bradbury is Head of Capital Assets at Southampton City Council, responsible for management of the Council's portfolio of over 18,000 commercial and residential properties, the Council's Property Investment Fund and the City Development Programme of major sites. He has over 25 years of experience in asset management and development, economic development, urban development and regeneration. This experience has been gained at a senior level in both the public private and public sectors. Previous employers include Sevenoaks District Council, Vertical Thinking Limited, The Greater London Authority, London Thames Gateway Development Corporation, Medway Renaissance, Ashford's Future, BAA McArthurGlen, Safeway Stores and Gazeley Properties. A Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (FRSA) a Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (MRICS), a Member of the Institute of Enterprise & Entrepreneurs (MloEE) and an Academician at the Academy of Urbanism.

Andrew Jones has 25 years of working in the natural environment sector, primarily within in local and regional government. He has been a manager at the Greater London Authority's since 2006 with a breadth of experience, leading the preparation of mayoral strategies, developing policy and implementing delivery programmes across a diverse range of environmental issues including biodiversity, green infrastructure, food, noise, animal welfare, waste and environmentally-led smart solutions. Recent programmes he has been responsible for include overseeing Boris Johnson's mayoral commitments to increase tree cover by 5% by 2025 and improving parks and green spaces. Prior to joining the GLA in 2006 he was Head of Natural Environment, Coasts and Countryside Partnerships for Kent County Council.



Councillor Lewis Dagnall is Cabinet Advisor for Business, Skills & Development at Sheffield City Council.