

AGENDA

Central South – A National Growth Region Hiding in Plain Sight

How clusters, collaboration and confidence can put the Central South on the same stage as the UK's major city regions. When seen as one economic area, the Central South matches the scale, diversity, and opportunity of the UK's major city regions. Our panel featuring business leaders and local authority leaders will discuss why we are a leading region and the many opportunities to invest in the Central South.

Tuesday 19th May 2026

The SCAPE Public Sector Stage, Royal Armouries, Leeds

11:00 – 12:00

11:00	SCAPE will introduce our session
11:02	<p>Welcome – Laura Wyatt, Director, Cavendish</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An introduction to our region and what's on the agenda for the next hour • Slido instructions • Central South video
11:05	<p>Introducing the panel representing the Central South:</p> <p>Gavin Hall, Head of Office, Savills John McConnell, Real Estate Director, AGS Airports & Southampton Airport Chris Fry, CEO, Kingsbridge Brian Johnson, Chair, Solent Freeport Sarah Longthorpe, Regeneration Director, Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council</p> <p>Panel discussion topics will include: <i>Why we are a leading region in the UK and our strengths & clusters</i> <i>Investment opportunities</i> <i>Great inward investment projects on the horizon</i> <i>Championing our region more boldly.. louder and prouder</i></p> <p>Send your questions to our panel at #CentralSouthDiscuss</p>
11:55	<p>Round up, thanks, and please do meet us at stand G30 in the Royal Armouries – Laura Wyatt, Director, Cavendish</p>

