

# AGENDA

## Central South – A Business Led Growth Story

*The Central South is entering a defining phase. While governance structures evolve, investment decisions are already being made, capital is already flowing, and businesses are already scaling.*

*This breakfast brings together the investors, developers and anchor employers who are shaping the region right now — to explore why the Central South remains one of the UK's most compelling locations for growth, talent and long-term investment.*

*Enjoy inspiring conversations, valuable insights, and a delicious breakfast, all set against stunning panoramic views of the Leeds skyline and the buzz of UKREiiF below. All wrapped up in time to head into the main showcase.*

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**The Sky Lounge, Hilton by Doubletree, Granary Dock, Leeds**

**08:15 – 10:30**

08:15	Registration, breakfast and connections
09:00	Welcome – <b>Jane Lamer</b> , Head of Economic Development and Skills, Portsmouth City Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An introduction to our region and what's on the agenda for the breakfast</li><li>• Slido instructions</li><li>• Central South video</li></ul>
09:05	SPACE: A hidden gem of industrial success in the Central South by <b>Jeremy Greaves</b> , Head of Strategic Engagement & Heritage, Airbus Defence & Space UK.
09:15	Introductions to the panel representing the Central South from both private and public sector:  <b>Leigh-Sara Timberlake</b> , Group CEO, Business South <b>Cllr Paul Harvey</b> , Leader, Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council <b>Cllr Steve Pitt</b> , Leader, Portsmouth City Council <b>Graham Smith</b> , Director of Strategic Planning & Growth, Test Valley Borough Council <b>Jeremy Greaves</b> , Head of Strategic Engagement & Heritage, Airbus  Panel discussion topics: <i>Central South a location for growth, talent and long term investment</i> <i>Why we are a leading region in the UK and our strengths &amp; clusters</i> <i>Investment opportunities. Showcasing some of the great inward investment projects on the horizon.</i>  SLIDO will be used please share your questions at Slido.com <b>#CentralSouthDiscussion</b>

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10:00	Round up & thanks by – <b>Jane Lamer</b> , Portsmouth City Council. Please stay around to meet the panel or meet us at stand G30 in the Royal Armouries.
10:05	Meet the leaders from our region and continued connections over breakfast refreshments
10:30	Event ends

