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**RT HON LORD PETER MANDELSON TO SPEAK AT NORTHERN REGENERATION  
SUMMIT**

New Secretary of State for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform, Lord Mandelson, has confirmed that one of his early engagements will be to speak at the Northern Regeneration Summit to be held at Manchester Central on 22/23 October (closing Government keynote at 4.30pm on 22<sup>nd</sup>).

Mandelson is one of several senior government figures speaking at the conference. Other government speakers and their topics include:

- The North's Role in Delivering Housing Growth: Iain Wright MP, housing minister, Communities and Local Government
- Making Business Support More Efficient: Janice Munday, programme director, Department of Business Enterprise and Regulatory Reform
- Reducing Worklessness: David Freud, adviser, Dept of Work and Pensions
- The new Regeneration Framework: Roger Wilshaw, deputy director, Communities and Local Government
- The Community Empowerment White Paper: Stuart Hoggan, empowerment director, Communities and Local Government

Other speakers include Conservative Cities Task Force chairman Lord Heseltine, Urban Splash chairman Tom Bloxham and Nissan Sunderland director Danny Griffiths.

For full details of the programme, visit [www.northernregenerationsummit.com](http://www.northernregenerationsummit.com) Tickets cost from £55 to £799 plus VAT.

The Summit takes place alongside the free-to-attend Northern Regeneration Exhibition. This is designed to bring together public and private regeneration players in the North, and will feature stands from more than 50 organisations. The exhibition features a free workshop

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programme aimed at developers, housing associations and investors, plus additional sponsored workshops.

More than 1500 people attended the combined events last year, more than half of them from the private sector, and the organisers are predicting an equally busy event this year.

To see the full exhibition programme and register for your free ticket, visit

[www.northernregeneration.com](http://www.northernregeneration.com)

Peter Mandelson studied Philosophy, Politics and Economics at St Catherine's College, Oxford. After working as an economist at the Trades Union Congress and as a current affairs TV producer, Peter Mandelson was later appointed Labour Party Director for Campaigns and Communications in 1985. Later he was Tony Blair's Campaign Manager for the May 1997 election. In 1992 he was elected as MP for the constituency of Hartlepool. Peter Mandelson was appointed to the British Cabinet as Secretary of State for Trade and Industry 1998 and in 1999 he was appointed Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. Peter Mandelson is honorary Chair of Policy Network, a European and international think tank whose journal and conferences promote the exchange and debate of centre-left policy ideas and European social democratic thinking. He was appointed European Commissioner for Trade in 2004.

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