

## NWCH: Future – Offering Solutions to Public Sector Construction Challenges

### Programme

#### 10 Registration

#### 10.20 Welcome

*Introduction, Sir Howard Bernstein, Manchester City Council*

#### 10.30 The Past

*NWCH Construction Frameworks: A Successful Start, John Finlay, North West Construction Hub*

John will recap on how the North West Construction Hub was established and why, the aims and ethos of the Hub and conclude with what was achieved through the Construction Frameworks in the first four years.

*Deriving Local Benefits from Liverpool's Schools Programme, Mike Horne, Liverpool City Council*

Mike is responsible for the delivery of Liverpool's £160m schools programme. He will be explaining the Council's decision to use the NWCH's Construction Framework, the added value already derived through procuring in this way, and expectations by the end of the programme.

*Chester Theatre: Best Practice Procurement, Clare Huber, Cheshire West and Chester*

Clare will explain, using one of Cheshire West and Chester Council's most high profile projects, Chester Theatre, how she maximised the value of procurement; from contractor engagement pre-appointment, through to local supply chain and apprenticeship targets.

#### 11.10 The Present

*NWCH Construction Frameworks: Working Even Better, John Finlay, North West Construction Hub*

John will outline the changes to the re-procured Construction Frameworks. He will highlight the key benefits of procuring this way and he will dispel some of the myths about frameworks.

*Getting the best from Construction in a New Era, Don Ward, Construction Excellence*

Responsible for implementing the recommendations of the Latham Report, Don will give an overview of Constructing Excellence and its relevance today. He will talk about the key problems encountered in construction projects, and explain how the principles of collaborative working can overcome them.

*Facilitated Break-out Sessions*

*Construction of the Future, Professor Peter McDermott, University of Salford*

Professor McDermott will outline key aspects of Construction 2025, explain the main implications for the public sector and consider recently announced opportunities for the North West

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**12.30 Lunch**

**13.15 The Future**

***Future Construction Challenges, Keith Heard, National Association of Construction Frameworks and Hampshire County Council***

In his capacity as Chair of the National Association of Construction Frameworks, Keith has collected and analysed construction data from around the UK. He will share the results of this and consider the future implications for public sector clients with construction projects to deliver.

***The Contractors' Perspective, Stephen Ratcliffe, UK Contractors Group***

The voice of contractors from across the UK, Stephen will reflect on life from their perspective in the current economy.

***North West Construction Skills Shortages Unveiled, Jocelyne Underwood, GM Chamber of Commerce***

Jocelyne will present the latest figures on construction skills requirements in the North West for the next 4 years. She will explain the data sources and outline the challenges ahead for the industry.

***Facilitated Break-out Sessions***

**14.45 Round up by Phil Cusack**

**15.00 Close, refreshments / networking**