Celebrating Lord Michael Heseltine’s contribution to the nation, its cities and Liverpool

Maritime Museum, Albert Dock
22 November 2017 | 1.30–5pm
Agenda

1.30-2.00pm  Registration, tea and coffee

2.00-2.05pm  Welcome, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Janet Beer

2.05-2.10pm  Setting the scene, Professor Michael Parkinson CBE

2.10-2.40pm  Liverpool then - reflections on Lord Heseltine’s role
  • Max Steinberg CBE, former Director, Merseyside Special Allocation
  • Eric Sorensen, former Director, Merseyside Task Force
  • Conversation with Lord Heseltine, panel and audience

2.40-3.20pm  Reflections on Lord Heseltine’s contribution to national policy – then and now
  • Michael Gahagan, former Director of Regeneration, DCLG
  • Michael Parkinson talks with Lord John Prescott, former Deputy Prime Minister, and Lord Andrew Adonis, Chair of the National Infrastructure Council
  • Conversation with Lord Heseltine, panel and audience

3.20-3.40pm  Reflections on Lord Heseltine’s contribution to Manchester
  • Michael Parkinson talks with Sir Richard Leese, Leader of Manchester City Council
  • Conversation with Lord Heseltine, panel and audience

3.40-4.10pm  The impact of Lord Heseltine’s work on UK cities’ performance
  • A view from Europe, Professor Philip McCann, University of Sheffield
  • A view from the centre, Dr Andrew Carter, Chief Executive, Centre for Cities
  • A view from the North, Ed Cox, Director, IPPR North

4.10-4.40pm  Liverpool Now - Lord Heseltine’s part in its renaissance
  • Michael Parkinson talks with Joe Anderson OBE, Mayor of Liverpool and Sir Terry Leahy, co-author of Rebalancing Britain
  • Conversation with Lord Heseltine, panel and audience

4.40-5.00pm  The Way Forward
  • Lord Michael Heseltine

5.00pm  Reception

Biographies

The Rt Hon the Lord Heseltine CH
Lord Heseltine (Hon LLD 1990) was a Member of Parliament in Britain from 1966 to 2001. He was a Cabinet Minister in various departments between 1979 and 1986 and between 1990 and 1997 and was Deputy Prime Minister from 1995 to 1997. He is founder and Chairman of the Haymarket Group, a privately owned media company.

In 2015 Lord Heseltine was appointed by the Government as an adviser to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. Within this remit he was Chair of the Thames Estuary 2050 Growth Commission and co-chair of the Estate Regeneration Advisory Panel. He published an independent report making recommendations to further develop the Tees Valley area and was also a Commissioner for the National Infrastructure Commission. In October 2012 he published No Stone Unturned in Pursuit of Growth, an independent review into how the public and private sectors in the UK work together to create wealth. His work for the Government came to an end in 2017. On 31 October he published his reply to the Government’s Industrial Strategy Green Paper – Industrial Strategy by Michael Heseltine.

He has written several books on Europe as well as a political autobiography, Life in the Jungle. His latest book, co-written with Lady Heseltine, Thames: The Creation of an English Garden, was published in October 2016. Lord Heseltine is an enthusiastic gardener and is Vice-President of the Royal Horticultural Society.

Professor Janet Beer
Professor Janet Beer took up post as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Liverpool in February 2015, having formerly been Vice-Chancellor of Oxford Brookes University. Professor Beer is President of UK and is also a Trustee of the British Council. She chairs Liverpool Science Park Quarter Board and is a member of the Liverpool Science Park Board and the Liverpool City Region Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Board. In June 2017 she was appointed by the Metro Mayor Steve Rotheram as the adviser on Higher Education for the Liverpool City Region.

Professor Beer has an established record of research and scholarship in late 19th and early 20th century American literature and culture.

Professor Michael Parkinson CBE
Michael is Associate Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Civic Engagement at the University of Liverpool. He has acted as adviser on urban affairs to the European Commission, the European Parliament, OECD, EUROCITIES, the Department of Communities and Local Government, the National Audit Office, the House of Commons Select Committees, the Core Cities and a range of cities in the UK and Europe. He recently served as a Board Member of the Prime Minister’s Regeneration Investment Organisation, the Centre for Cities and the Liverpool Commonwealth Games 2022 bid, and is a trustee of Alternative Futures Group, Procure Plus Group, a member of Liverpool LEP Advisory Board and a member of the Mayor’s Task Force on World Heritage Status.

Michael led CLG’s expert panel on Regeneration and Economic Development Analysis until 2010, was Director of the ESRC’s Programme on CITIES: Cohesion and Competitiveness and produced the State of the English Cities in 2006 for the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister - the authoritative analysis of cities in Britain. He wrote Liverpool on the Brink in 1985. His recent career has been partly devoted to showing how much the city has changed since then - for the better! He was made Commander of the British Empire for services to urban regeneration in 2007 and Citizen of Honour of Liverpool in 2016.
Max Steinberg CBE FRSA
Max Steinberg was appointed Chief Executive of Liverpool Vision in July 2010. Max began his career at Liverpool City Council in 1975 before moving to the Housing Corporation, where he spent 25 years working in all aspects of housing, eventually becoming Director of Investment and Regeneration North, before becoming Chief Executive of Elevate East Lancashire in 2003. In 2009 he became Chief Executive of Regenerate Pennine Lancashire Ltd, one of the largest Economic Development Companies in the UK. Max has also overseen the enhancement of Liverpool Vision’s business growth service, expansion of Liverpool Vision’s work in key international markets and the creation of Marketing Liverpool. Max was instrumental in securing the first International Festival for Business 2014 which was held in Liverpool and had overall responsibility for the organisation and delivery of the Festival in 2014, 2016 and 2018.

Max was awarded the OBE in 1997 for services to Housing and Regeneration on Merseyside, and was on the Board of Liverpool John Moores University’s European Institute of Urban Affairs from 1992 and was its chairman until 2013. He is Chair of the Riverside Housing Group and was a non-executive director of Kensington Regeneration from 2003-2006. He was also awarded a Senior Fellowship at Liverpool Hope University in 2011. Max was appointed Chairman of the Roy Castle Foundation in August 2015 and has recently become a Board Member of the following: the Advisory Board for International Business and Diplomatic Exchange (IBDE), the Great Exhibition in the North, and Shakespeare in the North. In June 2016 Max was awarded a CBE for services to Business and the Community.

Eric Sorensen
Eric Sorensen has spent much of his career working on urban policy and promoting cities’ regeneration. During his time as a Whitehall civil servant he was appointed to lead the Merseyside Task Force set up by Michael Haseltine in Liverpool in 1981, following the Toxteth riot. The job was to find effective ways to promote investment and jobs, and to foster community cohesion. Following his return to Whitehall, he led the Environment Department’s urban policy directorate, and then resigned in 1991 to become CEO of the London Docklands Development Corporation, set up by Michael Haseltine 10 years previously, together with the Merseyside Development Corporation. With the termination of the LDCC he continued his regeneration work in London Thames Gateway. He is currently a Board Member of the Mayor of London’s development corporation in West London and serves on other boards and community trusts.

Michael Gahagan CB
Michael is former Director of Housing at the Department of Communities and Local Government, having previously been Director of Regeneration. He subsequently chaired a major regeneration scheme in South Yorkshire, the Centre of Refurbishment Excellence in Stoke-on-Trent and Paradigm Homes, part of the Paradigm Housing Group, with stock in the South East and London. He is a past President of the International Urban Development Association (IUDA) based in Paris and a Chair of Red Kite Community Housing, the High Wycombe stock transfer Housing Association.

Lord John Prescott
John Prescott is former UK Deputy Prime Minister. He represented Hull East as Member of Parliament between 1970–2010. In 1994 he was elected Deputy Leader of the Labour Party and in 1997 he was appointed Deputy Prime Minister in the Blair Government and additionally Secretary of State for Environment, Transport and the Regions. He led negotiations with 120 nations at Kyoto, resulting in the first treaty on climate change, and is former leader of the China Task Force. In June 2007 he resigned as Deputy Prime Minister and became the UK’s leader of its delegation to the Council of Europe and its Rapporteur on Climate Change, campaigning at both Copenhagen and Durban COPs for a fair deal for developing countries, a role he has continued since. John Prescott retired as an MP at the May 2010 general election. On the 8 July 2010 he entered the House of Lords.

Lord Andrew Adonis
Lord Andrew Adonis was appointed as Chair of the National Infrastructure Commission in April 2017, having served as Interim Chair since October 2015. He was a member of the independent Armit Commission, which recommended an independent National Infrastructure Commission in 2013. Lord Adonis was formerly the Transport Secretary from 2009 to 2010, Minister of State for Transport from 2006 to 2009, and Minister for Schools from 2005 to 2008. He was Head of the Number 10 Policy Unit from 2001 to 2005, having worked there since 1998 as Education Adviser. Prior to these appointments, Lord Adonis was a journalist at the Financial Times for five years (1991-96) before moving to the Observer as a political columnist. He was educated at Keble College, Oxford, studying history, followed by a PhD in modern history and a fellowship at Nuffield College, Oxford. During this time he was also elected to Oxford City Council from 1987 to 1991. Lord Adonis also chairs the trustee board of Frontline.

Sir Richard Leese
Richard is Leader of Manchester City Council. He was born and brought up in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire. After graduating from the University of Warwick, he worked as a teacher in Coventry and as an exchange teacher in the US, before moving to Manchester to take up a post as a youth worker. He was employed variously in youth work, community work, and education research between 1979 and 1988, and was elected to Manchester City Council in 1984. He became Leader of the Council in 1996, having previously served as Deputy Leader (1990–1996), Chair of the Education Committee (1986-1990) and Chair of the Finance Committee (1990-1995).

Richard’s political interests include devolution, place-based budgets and the links between economic development and social policy, developing open democracy and the community leadership role of local authorities; and the role of cities in creating a sustainable future. He has a number of additional responsibilities including Director of Manchester Airport Holdings Ltd, Deputy Mayor and Vice-Chair of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority and Chair of the LGA City Regions Board. His interests outside politics include walking, cinema, music, and sport (as a spectator, principally Manchester City football and cricket). He is a regular runner and cycles to the Town Hall most days.
**Professor Philip McCann**
Philip McCann holds the Chair in Urban and Regional Economics at Sheffield University Management School, and is also the Tagliferri Research Fellow in the Department of Land Economy at the University of Cambridge. Educated at Cambridge, Philip has held Professorships in six countries and four different continents and has published in almost every area of economic geography, regional and urban economics. He is one of the world’s most highly cited scholars in these fields and his research has won academic awards in several countries. Philip has previously been a Special Adviser to two different EU Commissioners for Regional Policy, and has also advised four OECD directorates, the European Investment Bank, and government bodies in various countries. Recently he was an independent advisor on the Northern Powerhouse Independent Economic Review.

**Andrew Carter**
Andrew became Chief Executive of the Centre for Cities in 2017. He is also Deputy Director of the ESRC What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth. Previously he was the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Policy and Research with overall responsibility for the centre’s research and policy programme.

Andrew has more than 20 years’ experience of working on urban economic policy issues for public and private development agencies, consultants and research institutes. He has also spent time in the US as part of the Churchill Foundation’s Fellowship Programme reviewing urban economic development policy and practice in American cities including New York, Washington DC, Boston and Chicago. He is a regular media contributor and chairs and speaks at conferences across the UK and Europe on a wide range of urban and economic issues.

**Ed Cox**
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Before joining IPPR in 2009, Ed was policy adviser to the Communities and Local Government Secretary. Based in Manchester, he is chair of a multimillion pound community regeneration partnership in his local neighbourhood and is church leader at Levenshulme Inspire United Reformed Church; Ed makes regular appearances in the media, recently appearing on BBC Breakfast, the Politics Show, BBC Radio 4’s Today programme and writing articles for the Guardian, Independent and local newspapers. He is also a regular keynote speaker and chair at national conferences.

**Joe Anderson OBE**
Joe Anderson is the Mayor of Liverpool. He was born in 1958, the son of a merchant seaman and an office cleaner, in a city centre tenement called Kent Gardens near the Dingle. Joe was elected to Liverpool City Council for the Abercomby ward (now Riverside) in Liverpool in 1999, the place where he grew up. He became Leader of the Labour Group on the council three years later and, following the 2010 election, became Leader of the Council. In May 2012, Joe stood as the Labour Party candidate in the first-ever direct elections for the citywide Mayor of Liverpool. He won on the first ballot with a majority of 50,000 votes, securing almost 60 per cent of all votes cast. Mayor Anderson has navigated a course for the council through an increasingly difficult time for Liverpool, with the city facing the biggest cuts from central government, despite having the greatest needs. Developing the city’s economy and creating new jobs, new schools and new homes are Joe’s priorities for Liverpool.

Joe is married to Marg and has four children and grandchildren and lives in the Old Swan area of the city. Joe was awarded the OBE in the Queen’s Birthday Honours list in 2012. Joe is hugely ambitious for Liverpool, passionate about the future and devoted to the city’s prospects as a thriving, growing and prosperous city. He ardently believes Liverpool’s best days lie ahead as a leading world-class city.

**Sir Terry Leahy**
Sir Terry Leahy (Hon LLD 2007) joined Tesco PLC in 1979 and was appointed Chief Executive in 1997, before retiring from this position in 2011. He was educated at St Edwards College in Liverpool, and then went on to the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology where he gained his BSc (Hons) in Management Sciences. In 2002, he received a Knighthood and was also made a Freeman of the City of Liverpool.

In March 2008 he was nominated by Retail Week as Retail Leader of the Year. From 2005 to 2010 he was voted as Britain’s Most Admired Leader by Management Today. In 2004 he was named European Businessman of the year by Fortune Magazine and in 2010 he received the Daily Telegraph’s award for a Decade of Excellence in Business a Lifetime Achievement award from Director magazine and was voted Business Person of the Year by the Sunday Times.

Sir Terry is now a Senior Advisor to Clayton Dubilier & Rice, the US private equity firm, Chairman of B&M Bargains and BUT International, and a Director of MFG (Motor Fuel Group). He also invests in entrepreneurial businesses and is involved with various charities. He is a member of the Liverpool Enterprise Partnership Advisory Board. Married with three children, Sir Terry enjoys sport, reading, theatre and architecture in his spare time.

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