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BUSINESSVIEW**

Today's Speakers

John Chesworth

executive chairman, Harrison Drury Solicitors

John has specialised in property since qualifying as a solicitor in 1997. He joined Harrison Drury in 2007 and became managing partner within 12 months. He now leads the board of directors shaping the future of the firm in his role as chairman.

John also chairs the Preston Towns Fund Bid and the Lancashire Branch of the Forum for the Built Environment (FBE).



Andy Walker

head of service – business growth, Lancashire County Council

Andy has worked across a range of economic development functions and locations within local government for over 20 years. Coming from an economic research and analysis background, his career has developed to include specific sectoral work with Aerospace and Automotive sectors.

Andy has been in his current role as Head of Business Growth and Innovation at Lancashire County Council since January 2012 and more recently his responsibilities have included acting as interim CEO for Lancashire's Local Enterprise Partnership and integration of Marketing Lancashire back into the County Council.



Nick Gerrard

growth and prosperity programme director, Blackpool Council

Nick has more than 30 years of leading-edge planning, urban regeneration, economic development and corporate management experience at the public/private interface.

He has contributed to high-calibre boards, including Manchester's New Economy, Trafford Council, North West Development Agency, Merseyside TEC and Trafford Park Development Corporation.



Phil Mayall

managing director, Muse

Phil sits on the board of both Muse and the English Cities Fund. He is a member of the Investment Property Forum and the British Council for Offices, where he was formerly Chair of the Northern Region Next Gen Committee.

Since joining Muse, he has delivered over 700,000 sq ft of offices, 550 new homes, a 143 bedroom hotel and two large multi storey car parks. He has also gained consent for the largest ever planning application submitted to Salford City Council.



Andrew Atkinson

managing director, Fairhaven Housing

Andrew and his 12 strong team manage a property portfolio valued in excess of £25 million, comprising seven sites across Lancashire with a total of 200 residential units.

Andrew is passionate about the retirement housing sector and the positive social impact that high quality housing can provide in later life.



Sandy Livingstone

executive director – property, Onward Homes

Sandy is the executive director of property for Onward Homes, a developing housing association that owns and manages 35,000 homes across the North West.

Sandy is responsible for the delivery of Onward’s development programme of 5,000 new homes by 2030, a £100m retrofit programme addressing some of Onward’s least energy-efficient properties, and procurement of all goods and services.



John Winstanley

managing director, Story Homes

John Winstanley is managing director for strategic land at Story Homes. As MD for the department he brings a wealth of skills and knowledge to the role, accumulated during his 15 year’ experience working in private housing and land promotion.

John oversees the strategic land business unit to deliver exciting new land opportunities for Story Homes for the next 5-15 years. He works closely with other senior team members to facilitate a strategy for Story Homes’ long term business plans and ultimately helps to shape the future of Story Homes.



Suzy Jones

director of the future, Urban splash

Suzy has spent the past 15 years leading inter disciplinary teams and exploring design and the future of the built environment in the UK and abroad.

As the first director of RIBA North, the Royal Institute of British Architects facility on Liverpool's Waterfront, Suzy established a centre for research and innovation providing access to new knowledge and learning for RIBA.

After joining Urban Splash in 2020, Suzy established Future Lab, a research and innovation laboratory with a remit to look beyond immediate horizons at the ways in which we may want, and need to live, in the future.



John Sullivan

founding director, The Big Picture

John is a long term property professional and has acted in a senior development and agency capacity on numerous retail, leisure and residential schemes throughout Australia, Asia, Europe for and the UK.

In 2002, John set up his leisure consultancy group, which evolved into Cinema Next Consulting, advising property groups with a long term development strategy, in addition to advising international clients on cinema development and strategy.



Warren Bennett

commercial director, James' Places

Warren is commercial director of the award winning James' Places, which employs over 500 people and has eight hospitality sites in Lancashire.

Warren leads on legal and property matters. He successfully secured planning for Holmes Mill in Clitheroe and more recently, Wennington Hall near Lancaster, a Grade Two listed former school currently being converted into a 37 bedroom hotel and wedding venue.



Deborah Smith

owner, Smith & Love Planning Consultants

Deborah is a chartered planning consultant with 26 years' experience, including time spent at a local planning authority and a national planning consultancy.

Deborah co-founded Smith & Love Planning Consultants in Preston in 2015. Her strong client relationships and collaborations with local planning authorities have positioned her at the forefront of significant projects, including a £23 million town centre regeneration in Pioneer Place, Burnley, and a £16 million 90-bedroom extra care facility project in East Lancashire for Calico Homes.

