

Best Practice - The Way Ahead

Conference Reception & Dinner, Thursday 21 September 2006, Liverpool Town Hall

Dress code: Lounge suit or Black tie

Stunning architecture, elegance and fine art make the home of the Lord Mayor of Liverpool one of the most splendid buildings in a city famed for its architecture.

The Reception, hosted by the Lord Mayor, will be held in the Small Ballroom and will include background music from a pianist. The dinner in the Large Ballroom will feature a string quartet and an after-dinner speech by Norman Prince, a legendary northern comedian.

Presidential Conference, Friday 22 September 2006, Devonshire House Hotel, Edge Lane, Liverpool

If the UK is to maintain its pre-eminent position as a leader in the highways and transportation field, we need to search out, introduce and maintain best practice in every part of our professional activities.

The conference will bring together a wide range of speakers representing policy and practice across the profession to provide delegates with the material they need to make this happen.

The presentations will cover every aspect of the highways and transportation scene including a Political Perspective from the Leader of Liverpool City Council and the latest thinking on:

- Regeneration and Transport
- Transport Policy
- Traffic Engineering
- Structures
- Highway Maintenance
- Construction
- Procurement

The conference will be held in Liverpool, a great maritime World Heritage Site and city - famous for music, football and its humour. It has an immense wealth of world-class architecture, with more listed buildings, national museums and galleries than any city except London.

The venue will be the Devonshire House Hotel, a Grade II listed building, built in 1856, which is set in 1½ acres of landscaped gardens.

Transport

Free coach services will take delegates and partners between their hotel, the Town Hall and Devonshire House Hotel. Free parking is available at the Devonshire House Hotel. Parking is also available adjacent to all other hotels and near the Town Hall.

Partners' Tour

This will leave from the conference venue (Devonshire House Hotel) at 9.30am on Friday 22 September and arrive back in time for the end of the Conference. The tour will feature a visit to Speke Hall, a Tudor half-timbered house with rich interiors and fine gardens, and an amphibious DUKW tour of Liverpool's historic waterfront, docks and city. Morning and afternoon coffee/tea and lunch will be provided.

Technical Tour

A visit to see some of the work being done in Merseyside by 2020 Liverpool, Atkins and Laing O'Rourke will be arranged (for a limited number of delegates) on the afternoon of Thursday 21 September. Please indicate your interest, without obligation, on the Booking Form and further information will be sent to you as soon as the appropriate projects are identified.



Sponsor Profiles

2020 Liverpool is a joint venture company, jointly owned by Liverpool City Council and Mouchel Parkman, established in October 2003 to provide professional services to the Council and other clients. Our aim is to be an example of local authority partnership which others will want to emulate. In April 2005, 2020 Liverpool formed a new joint venture partnership with Knowsley MBC, known as 2020 Knowsley. Services provided by 2020 Liverpool include Street Lighting, Landscape Architecture & Urban Design, Traffic Systems and Topographic Surveys.
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Conference Programme (Subject to change)

- 9.30 Welcome
Peter Blair, Executive Director, Denis Wilson Partnership and Branch Chairman
- MORNING CHAIRMAN
Richard Crossley, Director, MVA
- 9.35 Presidential Address
Alistair Haydock, Director, Haydock Young and IHT President
- 9.50 A Political Perspective
Warren Bradley, Leader, Liverpool City Council
- Transport Policy
Andy Southern, Managing Director (Transport Planning), Atkins
- Questions & Discussion
- 11.00 **Coffee, tea & Exhibition**
- 11.30 Traffic Engineering
Mike Slinn, Director (Transport Consultancy), MVA and IHT Senior Vice President
- Structures
Prof. Paul Lambert, Mott MacDonald & Sheffield Hallam University
- Questions & Discussion
- 12.40 **Lunch & Exhibition**
- AFTERNOON CHAIRMAN
Chris Jackson, Business Development Manager, AMEC
- 1.50 Highway Maintenance
Ian Walsh, Technical Director, JacobsBabtie and President, Institute of Asphalt Technology
- New Approaches to Maintenance Contracts
Nick Sharman, Head of Local Government, Amey
- Questions & Discussion
- 3.00 **Coffee, tea & Exhibition**
- 3.20 Infrastructure Scheme Delivery
Colin Potts, Project Leader, Laing O'Rourke
- Procurement
Steve Rowsell, Procurement Director, Highways Agency
- 4.30 Close

