The Evolving Economic Performance of Britain’s Cities:
Patterns, processes and policy implications

9.45am – 4.45pm, Wednesday 13 February
Council Room, One Great George Street, London SW1P 3AA

Agenda

9.15am    Arrivals and Coffee
9.45am    Welcome and Introductions
10am      Session 1: Growing Apart: The Divergent Economic Growth of British Cities over the last 50 years
          Discussion of the key research findings highlighting the divergent trends in output and employment growth across the British cities, and the consequences of widening spatial imbalance.
11am      Session 2: The City Dimension of the Productivity Slowdown
          Exploration of labour productivity growth across British cities since 1971 and how this has contributed to the national slowdown of productivity growth in recent decades.
12pm      Lunch
12.45pm   Afternoon keynote: Lord Bob Kerslake plus Q&A
1.30pm    Session 3: The Resilience of British Cities to Economic Shocks: A Tale of Four Recessions, and the Impact of Brexit
          Presentation of the resilience of British cities to economic shocks, specifically the last four major recessions, and what the implications are for the impact of Brexit.
2.30pm   Coffee Break

2.45pm   **Session 4: Improving City Economic Performance: The Policy Challenge**

Consideration of the implications of this research for a number of key policy areas, drawing on five case study cities to examine the role of the local institutional and policy structure in shaping city economic performance.

3.45pm   **Panel Discussion: Implications for the New Industrial Strategy and City Economic Revival** with guests panellists:

- Paul Swinney, Centre for Cities
- Alan Harding, Greater Manchester Combined Authority
- Dr. Marianne Sensier, Industrial Strategy Commissioner.

4.45pm   Concluding remarks and close.

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