

Join us to find out more about the Labour Candidate for the WMCA Mayoral Elections

Date: Wednesday, 21 September 2016

Time: 7.30am for 8am start – 10:00am finish

Venue: Deutsche Bank, Five Brindleyplace, Birmingham, B1 2JB

Cost: Members – £15 +VAT | Non-Members - £30 +VAT

In 2001, Siôn was elected MP for Birmingham Erdington, and re-elected in 2005 with the biggest Labour majority in the city.

Siôn stood down from Parliament in 2010 to campaign for an elected mayor for Birmingham. In 2012, though, the notion was rejected in a referendum. Still wanting to represent and help people in the West Midlands, Siôn was elected to the European Parliament in May 2014, where he now serves on the Employment and Social Affairs committee as Labour's European Spokesperson.



The West Midlands Combined Authority is a recently created body bringing together seventeen local authorities and three Local Enterprise Partnerships. As well as wielding a number of powers over transport, housing and economic strategy, it aims to gain further devolution of powers and funding from Whitehall to the West Midlands in order to be more responsive to the needs of local citizens.

In May 2017, for the first time, voters will be asked to select a Mayor for the West Midlands Combined Authority. Like the Mayor of London, this individual will have a major role in championing the region and setting strategy across Local Authority boundaries. In August 2016 Siôn was selected as the Labour Candidate for the WMCA Mayoral Elections. At this event you will have the opportunity to learn more about him, his vision for the region and the key areas he will be campaigning on.

Siôn Simon MEP: "I'm looking forward to this opportunity to speak directly with the business community and Chamber members. I want to hear from business leaders what it is they need from our first Mayor. This is a unique moment in time. The threats, such as the uncertainty surrounding Brexit, are real but our region's potential remains enormous. Every business I speak to tells me that real devolution and a strong Mayor can make a difference. This is the time - 8 months from the first election - to tell me exactly how I can help you to take our economy to the next level."

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