

**STATE OF THE ECONOMY CONFERENCE -2024  
5 DECEMBER  
AGENDA**

08:30am	Registration, teas/coffees, pastries and networking
09:00am (5 mins)	<b>Welcome - Stuart Dawkins, President, East Midlands Chamber</b>
09:05am (5 mins)	<b>Welcome - Professor Daniel Ladley, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Head of College and Executive Dean of the University of Leicester School of Business</b>
<b>The Economic Perspective</b>	
09:10am (20mins)	<p><b>Year in review: Richard Blackmore, Director of Policy and Insight, East Midlands Chamber</b></p> <p>Drawing on the analysis taken from our latest Quarterly Economic Survey Data, the largest quarterly business survey in the region. Including a reaction to the recent Autumn Budget</p>
09:30am (25mins)	<b>View from the Bank of England - Jamie Jordan, Deputy Agent, Monetary Analysis, Agency for the East Midlands, Bank of England</b>
09:55am (40mins)	<p><b>The Big Conversation 1 – ‘Economic performance and prospects’ – Chaired by Richard Blackmore</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Professor Stephen Hall, Professor of Economics of the University of Leicester School of Business</li> <li>- Stuart Dawkins, President, East Midlands Chamber and Chair of the Leicestershire Members Forum</li> <li>- Mark Deakin, Director, Cost Management, Turner &amp; Townsend and Chair of East Midlands Chamber, Derbyshire Members Forum</li> <li>- Sandra Wiggins, Managing Director, Sandra Wiggins Consulting Ltd, T/A Authentically Balanced</li> </ul>
10:35am (30mins)	Break

## The Political Perspective

11:05am (30mins)	<p><b>The Role of EMCouncils and East Midlands APPG in Shaping Regional Policy</b></p> <p>This session will feature a presentation from Stuart Young Executive Director of EMCouncils, highlighting their recent engagements with the new government and outlining key priorities for the East Midlands region. The presentation will be followed by a Q&amp;A led by Rick Blackmore focusing on the role and future objectives of the East Midlands All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG). The discussion will provide valuable insights into how the APPG aims to advocate for regional economic growth and address the challenges faced by businesses across the East Midlands.</p>
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## The Business Perspective

11:35am (40mins)	<p><b>The Big Conversation 2 – ‘What businesses want from the next 12 months’ – chaired by Mark Deakin, Director, Cost Management, Turner &amp; Townsend and Chair of East Midlands Chamber, Derbyshire Members Forum</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Charles Nicholds, Managing Director, Murphy and Sons</li> <li>- Professor Mat Hughes, Dean of Research and Enterprise of the University of Leicester School of Business</li> <li>- Sarah Loates, Director, Loates Business Solutions Ltd</li> </ul>
12:15pm	Close - Teas, coffees and mince pies