

NORTH OF ENGLAND AT MIPIM

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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE NORTH OF ENGLAND AT MIPIM 2026

MIPIM 2026 really delivered – not only for the North of England but the UK in general.

As the biggest delegation, outside of the capital, from the UK - and the UK being the biggest delegation to attend from around the world - the North certainly did make the most of the week.

The *Place North* delegation really maximised their time and investment into MIPIM, and initial feedback is extremely positive. No doubt as conversations mature, the output will certainly support a growing and continued presence for the North at MIPIM going forward.

Our team were able to deliver a variety of touchpoints for the delegation and wider MIPIM audience, both in person and online, guaranteeing the profile of our delegation and showcasing Northern opportunities.

We look forward to building on this year's success and forming an event that is even more productive and lucrative for our Partners and the cities and towns of the North.

Dino Moutsopoulos
Managing partner, Place North



KEY STATS

THE NORTH OF ENGLAND AT MIPIM 2026

63

PARTNERS

14

EVENTS

5

TOWNS AND CITIES

130

DELEGATES

48,000

WEBSITE VIEWS

633

**EVENT
ATTENDEES**

64,000

LINKEDIN IMPRESSIONS

EVENTS



North of England Suite | North of England and Scotland closing reception

A private gathering where Place North delegates reflected on and celebrated the week's successes and learnings. A final chance to get together before heading home.



UK Stage | Investable North

From marinas to innovation districts, Northern leaders pitched £500m investment visions for their regions at this Dragons Den-style event.

Speakers:

Paul Dennett, City Mayor of Salford

Cllr Anne Handley, leader of East Riding of Yorkshire Council

Cllr Lynn Williams, leader of Blackpool Council

Nicola Elsworth, director of strategic growth, Tameside Council

Cllr Tom Ross, leader of Trafford Council

Linda Goodacre, director of estates and facilities management, University of Sheffield

EVENTS



UK Stage | Industrial & Logistics: powerful opportunities

SPONSORED BY Caddick Construction, Tritax Big Box Developments, DLA Architecture

The North's combination of land, skills, and collaboration gives it a compelling edge in the I&L sector, despite persistent challenges.

SPEAKERS

Cllr Anne Handley, leader of East Riding of Yorkshire Council

Mark Robinson, director of economy and place, Rochdale Council

Andrew Dickman, chairman, Tritax Big Box Developments

Paul Dodsworth, managing director, Caddick Construction

Ashley Roberts, associate director of EFM, University of Sheffield



North of England Suite | Unlocking growth through regeneration at the urban fringe

SPONSORED BY WSP

There may be no simple solution for resolving viability issues, but with enough grit, determination, and creative thinking it is possible to move the needle on housing delivery – that was the consensus from an engaging MIPIM session.

SPEAKERS

Alex Ely, founder and director of Mae Architects

Manu Dwivedi, director of transport planning at WSP

Steve Parry, managing director of Ion Developments

John Searle, deputy chief executive of Salford City Council

Hari Sothinathan, partner at Deloitte

Chaired by Rahul Patalia, director of growth and regeneration at WSP

EVENTS



UK Stage | The UK's untapped power player

From offshore wind farms and tidal power to advanced manufacturing and AI infrastructure, the North of England is positioning itself as one of the UK's most important energy and technology powerhouses.

SPEAKERS

Steve Rotheram, Mayor of Liverpool City Region

Nick Gerrard, growth and prosperity programme director, Blackpool Council

Cllr Neil Emmott, Leader of Rochdale Council

Cllr Anne Handley, Leader of East Riding of Yorkshire Council

Danielle Phillips, assistant director of inward investment and business growth, North East Combined Authority

Andy Temple, executive managing director for property and buildings at WSP



North of England Suite | Leisure as a regenerator

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Culture and tourism are playing an increasingly prominent role in urban regeneration strategies across the UK. This panel session hosted by Place North discussed how attractions can act as catalysts for economic growth, civic pride and community connection.

SPEAKERS

Cllr Lynn Williams, leader, Blackpool Council

Cllr Mark Flynn, leader, Dundee City Council

Gastón Gaitán, founder and chief executive of theleisureway

Sarah Ashurst, head of partnerships and investment, Salford City Council

EVENTS



[North of England Suite | How SMEs are transforming the North of England](#)

At this Place North panel session, local authorities and developers highlighted the ability of small and medium-sized businesses to innovate, build community support, and deliver projects that respond directly to local needs.

SPEAKERS

Aidan Thatcher, director, Wigan Council

Nick Mullins, co-founder, Axis-RE

Pam Smith, chief executive, Newcastle City Council

Nick Gerard, director of growth and prosperity, Blackpool Council

Cllr Anthony Burns, Leader, St Helens Council

[ROUNDTABLE | How to turn regeneration into inclusive growth](#)

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Overcoming barriers to delivery and speeding up planning, and taking a collegiate approach to risk management and other processes are just a few of the ways to ensuring projects can make both a difference and a profit, according to participants at a roundtable hosted by WSP.

SPEAKERS

Andy Temple, executive managing director for property and buildings at WSP

John Searle, deputy chief executive of Salford City Council

Tom Stannard, chief executive of Manchester City Council

Kevin Riley, director at WSP

Cathy Palmer, director of regeneration delivery at Walker Sime

Sandra Robinson, director of strategic growth at WSP

Brian McArdle, managing director at Gleeds

Sean Fenner, managing director for the North and Scotland at Kier Group

Tom Dobson, director at DLA Architecture

Cllr Tom Ross, Leader of Trafford Council

James Williamson, principal officer for companies and investment at Dundee City Council



EVENTS



How to build a new town

The UK's renewed focus on new towns is prompting fresh debate about how to create places that thrive for generations. At a panel session hosted by Place North, industry leaders were tasked with a thought experiment: how would they design a settlement from scratch?

SPEAKERS

Stephen Young, chief executive of Salford City Council

Nick Mullins, co-founder of Axis-RE

Jackie Sadek, chair of the UK Innovation Corridor

Bill Price, director of WSP

Phil Mayall, managing director of Muse



North of England Suite | Vision: How the UK and Saudi Arabia are delivering on big

In a world that feels increasingly interconnected, the partnership between the UK and Saudi Arabia is proving to be a powerful force in shaping the future of the built environment.

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SPEAKERS

Jen Hartley, assistant director of capital investment, Newcastle City Council

Carl Schibrowski, chief development officer, New Murraba

Katie Saunders, head of Manchester office and construction partner, Trowers & Hamlin

Harry Hoodless, founder and director, Studio Hoodless

EVENTS



[North of England Suite | UK Leaders Summit](#)

Mayors, city leaders, and Combined Authority officials from across the Midlands, the North of England, and Scotland used a roundtable hosted by Place North

SPEAKERS

Cllr Liam Robinson, leader, Liverpool City Council

Steve Rotheram, Mayor, Liverpool City Region

Paul Dennett, City Mayor, Salford City Council

Cllr Anne Handley, leader, East Riding of Yorkshire Council

Cllr Ruairi Kelly, city convener for housing, development, built heritage and land use, Glasgow City Council

Cllr Lynn Williams, leader, Blackpool Council

Claire Ward, Mayor, East Midlands

Michelle Duggan, head of inward investment, North East Combined Authority

Tom Stannard, chief executive, Manchester City Council



[North of England Suite | Circ it – The Edge Edition](#)

Why is it so difficult to get to grips with regeneration, and what is ‘good growth’? This interactive session held by Studio Hoodless, Civic, and Layer Studio brought the industry together to brainstorm how these goals can be delivered effectively across the North of England and beyond.

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EVENTS



[UK Stage | Place North Investor Breakfast](#)

Representatives from top investment firms, local authorities, and developers gathered to do business at MIPIM's UK Stage. It was focused on bringing together global built environment professionals in a way that only MIPIM and Place can.

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[Gare Maritime | Place North Arrival Reception](#)

Developers, local authorities, contractors, lawyers, financiers, architects, engineers, and more gathered together at Gare Maritime in Cannes to celebrate the start of the global property convention.

The North of England was out in full force for the fourth annual Place North Arrival Reception. This year's event was reserved for the official North of England at MIPIM delegation and selected guests, promising an evening of high-quality networking rooted in a pride in the region and all it has to offer.

MIPIM NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

[Second Kings tower to reach 70 storeys](#)

Hot on the heels of planning permission for a 28-storey block at the Liverpool cluster being advanced by Davos and Beetham, the SimpsonHaugh-designed centrepiece of the scheme has been unveiled. **9,068 reads**

[Place reflects on biggest MIPIM yet](#)

With the dust just beginning to settle on MIPIM 2026, managing partner Dino Moutsopoulos joined deputy editor Dan Whelan to look back on a busy week of networking events, interactive panels, and front-line news and ponder what next year has in store for the North of England and Scotland when their delegations return to Cannes. **370 reads**



[Blackpool Central: the future of leisure-led regeneration](#)

Across the UK, town centres and resort destinations are now required to reconsider the role of leisure in driving long-term economic growth **3,091 reads**

[Rotheram: Liverpool on Manchester's tail as £2bn investment fund launches](#)

Liverpool City Region Metro Mayor Steve Rotheram said the gap between the two cities is closing after he unveiled a nine-figure regeneration war chest in Cannes. **2,486 reads**

[Coogan outlines regen model to 'take the foot off the necks of working people](#)

Actor Steve Coogan is proposing a radical new model of regeneration in his hometown of Middleton that provides an antidote to past initiatives that have excluded local people and "sucked the life out" of towns. **2,324 reads**



MIPIM NEWS HIGHLIGHTS



[Relentless declares intent with new Kendals District moniker](#)

The former department store's redevelopment will lead the way, with the firm set to lead on five of six critical sites around Manchester's St Mary's Parsonage area. **2,809 reads**

[Old Trafford: its role in a wider vision](#)

The development of the new ground and the surrounding area should celebrate the diversity of Old Trafford as an 'incredibly welcoming place', according to Cllr Tom Ross, Leader of Trafford. **1,479 reads**

[Lord Barwell takes Stockport chair](#)

Former housing minister Lord Gavin Barwell is now the figurehead of the town's Mayoral Development Corporation, newly expanded this year. **2,136 reads**

MIPIM NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

[Manchester doubles down on £1bn Good Growth promise](#)

“We’re confident that the next decade in Greater Manchester will be the best in our city region since the Victorian period,” said GM Mayor Andy Burnham to a packed room at the global property convention in Cannes. **2,066 reads**



[Sciontec takes Hemisphere back to brick](#)

The 150,000 sq ft lab-led scheme at Liverpool’s Paddington Village has been given a makeover, with the aluminium facade replaced with a more traditional aesthetic. **1,613 reads**

[Landsec buoyed by GM Good Growth Fund amid gloomy viability outlook](#)

Chief executive Mark Allan said the launch of the £1bn fund has given the investor-developer more confidence about its ability to deliver its Greater Manchester pipeline against a backdrop of market uncertainty. **1,105 reads**

[GMCA publishes report into housing loans fund’s value for money](#)

After sitting on the report for more than a year, the combined authority has released the 61-page document praising its fund, considered contentious by some and subject of a court case scrutinising impact on the market of large loans from the public sector. **1,143 reads**

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