



South West Region Conservative Policy Forum Conference 2017

Saturday 4 November 2017

Exeter Golf & Country Club, Countess Wear, Exeter, EX2 7AE

Keynote Speakers

- Opening remarks by George Freeman MP, head of the Conservative Party Policy Unit and chair of the CPF
- Liam Fox MP on opportunities for trade deals outside EU
- Ashley Fox MEP on the view from within EU.

Other Speakers in Morning Session

- Melanie Squires, Regional Director NFU on the importance and needs of farming
- James Portus and David Cuthbert on the fishing industry. James and David are experienced in negotiation with the EU over fishing.

Afternoon Speakers and Working Groups

- Councillor Peter Wharf on Unitary Authorities
- Johnny Mercer MP on Defence
- While these talks are taking place two small working groups will consider Housing and the NHS and report their findings after tea.

Application for Tickets

It is expected there will be a heavy demand and tickets will be limited to 100 places. As this is a CPF event priority will be given in the first instance to CPF Groups and their members. Invitations however will shortly be sent to all associations for distribution to Party members. Early application is therefore sensible.

Once your application is accepted you will receive an invitation from Ashley Fox for his separate event at which lunch is provided. There is no additional cost for that event which will be at the same venue.

The cost of a ticket is **£20 per person for the conference**. An application form is attached to this email.

Timings

The conference will start at 9.45 am and finish by 5 pm at the latest. Tea/coffee will be available on arrival, mid-morning and at 3.30pm.

Participants in Working Groups

Anyone who wishes to sit on the working groups should contact the event organiser Rhidian Morris on jrmjm@btinternet.com. Rhidian will provide a framework for the discussions.

Venue

There is easy access from the M5 motorway.

Note. The conference is firmly in all speakers' diaries; however it is worth remembering people in authority are sometimes called away.