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13:30 Registration & networking lunch

14:00 Welcome address

Michael Moore, Chief Executive, BVCA

14:10 Better returns for savers by investing in Yorkshire and the North East

Panel

**Moderator:** Isobel Clarke, Director of Policy, BVCA  
David Nixon, Senior Investment Manager, Maven  
Lorna Pimlott, Managing Director, Local Authority Advisory and Lending, National Wealth Fund  
Ian Sandiford, Head of Private Markets, Border to Coast  
Gareth Davies MP, Shadow Financial Secretary to the Treasury

14:55 Vision Panel - Supporting startups in Yorkshire and North East

Panel

**Moderator:** Bob McDermott, Partner, Grant Thornton  
Jonny Catto, Managing Director, iPac Packaging Innovations  
Scott Haddow, Chief Executive Officer, Nexus Vehicle Rental  
Howard Taylor, Chief Executive Officer, Rosemont Pharmaceuticals  
Liz Whitefield, Co-Founder and Director, Hippo Digital

15:25

Networking break

15:45 Scale ups, spin outs and innovation

Panel

**Moderator:** Chris Elphick, Head of Venture Capital, BVCA  
Marion Bernard, Chief Investment Officer, Northern Gritstone  
Rob Cunningham, Senior Associate, Pinsent Masons  
Jodie Miller, Investment Manager, Berengea  
Andrew Nobel, Partner, Par Equity  
Mandy Ridyard, Chief Business Advisor to the Mayor of West Yorkshire, West Yorkshire Combined Authority

16:30

## Growth in the regions - local leadership, infrastructure planning and investment

Panel

**Moderator:** Karim Palant, Director of External Affairs, BVCA  
Luke Charters, MP for York Outer  
Mark Lyon, Deputy CIO, Border to Coast  
Andrew McPhillips, Chief Economist, Northern Powerhouse  
Praful Nargund, Director, Good Growth Foundation  
Lucia Villamore, Partner - Investor Relations, Endless

17:15

## Closing remarks

Michael Moore, Chief Executive, BVCA

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## Networking

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