

## Official Launch of #GrimseyReview2 - Wednesday 4 July

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'An Alternative Future For Our Towns And Cities'

Wednesday 4 July from 8.15 a.m.

at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Birmingham

Britain's towns and cities are facing the greatest challenges in their history as technology changes how we use them. The future of many lies in doubt due to online shopping, changing consumer habits, development constraints and burgeoning business charges. Many places are in managed decline rather than repurposing and redeveloping what is a critical part of the economy and community. More stores have closed and more jobs lost in the first half of 2018 than at any time in the past.

Five years on from the publication of the original Grimsey Review (2013), the same team of experts has reinvestigated the immediate and long-term pressures facing the high streets and drawn up a hit list of urgent actions and interventions at local level to maintain high streets as commercially viable, community enhancing areas. This is an independent and evidence based review where the authors have given their time and expertise for free.

Attendees at the report launch – held as a breakfast fringe event during the annual Local Government Association Conference 2018 - will be the first to pick up a copy of this eagerly-anticipated report and hear at first hand its central recommendations for high street renewal and survival.

The launch includes a panel debate involving one of the authors and retail expert **Bill Grimsey** and **West Midlands Mayor Andy Street**, to be chaired by UK Regeneration chief executive **Jackie Sadek**.

The event takes place in the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Birmingham, will begin promptly at 8.15 a.m. and lasts for an hour. Due to anticipated demand we kindly request that those wishing to secure a press place register via our [Eventbrite page](#)

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- The report is being launched at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Birmingham – press places available – [register here](#): or contact 0870 448 1530 / [seonaid.strachan@localis.org.uk](mailto:seonaid.strachan@localis.org.uk) .

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