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SUMMIT AGENDA

08:30–09:30

REGISTRATION, NETWORKING & REFRESHMENTS

09:30–09:50

STEPHEN EDWARDS, CHAIR, UKTRAM: *WELCOME TO THE 2026 SUMMIT*

09:50–10:10

JAMES HAMMETT, UKTRAM MANAGING DIRECTOR: *UKTRAM UPDATE*

10:10–10:30

LOUISE THORNTON, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER: *SUPPORTING THE RAILWAY CHILDREN CHARITY*

10:30–10:50

LEO MURRAY, CO-FOUNDER, RIDING SUNBEAMS: *DECARBONISING RAIL TRACTION*

10:50–11:10

JOANNE SMEDLEY, HEAD OF SERVICE DELIVERY KEOLIS NOTTINGHAM: *TRY A TRAM*

11:10–11:30

REFRESHMENT BREAK

11:30–11:50

KEOLISAMEY DOCKLANDS: *CUSTOMER INITIATIVES & PASSENGER-FOCUSED SERVICE*

11:50–12:10

PAUL ALLEN, PROFESSOR OF RAILWAY ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF HUDDERSFIELD & STUART HILLMANSSEN, PROFESSOR OF RAILWAY TRACTION SYSTEMS, UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM: *HOW THE UK RAIL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION NETWORK (UKRRIN) CAN SUPPORT THE LIGHT RAIL SECTOR*

12:10–13:00

LUNCH AND NETWORKING

13:00–13:30

AMY WATSON, FOUNDER - HASSL: *FIX THE CULTURE NOT THE WOMEN*

13:30–13:50

CARL WILLIAMS, CEO, LRSSB: *LIGHT RAIL SAFETY AND STANDARDS BOARD UPDATE*





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13:50–14:10	LRSSB/CIRAS: <i>THE UNDERREPORTING PROJECT</i>
14:10–14:30	MICHAEL SOLOMON WILLIAMS, HEAD OF CAMPAIGNS AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CAMPAIGN FOR BETTER TRANSPORT <i>MOVING POWER: TRAMS, INTEGRATED TRANSPORT, AND THE DEVOLUTION OPPORTUNITY</i>
14:30–14:50	PAM MARTIN & PAUL MARTIN, DIRECTORS, PMTandA TRAINING/ELEV8 TRAINING: <i>FUTURE SECTOR SKILLS</i>
14:50–15:10	ALEX SPROTT, DEPUTY DIRECTOR - RAILWAY SAFETY DIRECTORATE, ORR: <i>HOW THE UK RAIL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION NETWORK (UKRRIN) CAN SUPPORT THE LIGHT RAIL SECTOR</i>
15:10–16:00	JAMES HAMMETT, MANAGING DIRECTOR, UKTRAM: <i>QUIZ AND CLOSING REMARKS</i>
16:00–19:00	DRINKS RECEPTION, BUFFET & NETWORKING AT THE MALT HOUSE (NEXT DOOR TO AUSTIN COURT)

VENUE: IET BIRMINGHAM: AUSTIN COURT, 80 CAMBRIDGE ST, BIRMINGHAM, B1 2NP

GETTING HERE

 **Tram:** 5 mins from Grand Central → Library Centenary Square + 5 min walk.

 **Parking:** Limited at Austin Court. Alternative parking available at Utilita Arena Birmingham (NIA) and nearby city centre car parks.

 **4:00–7:00pm** The Malt House (next door to Austin Court) Join for an informal networking reception with a complimentary buffet.



Unable to attend?

If your plans change and you're no longer able to attend, please email danielhill@uktram.co.uk as soon as possible. The Summit is fully booked, and we can therefore offer your place to someone on our waiting list.