SESSION 1
Welcome and Opening Remarks
• Archie MacPherson, CEO WMG HVM Catapult
• Cllr Jim O’Boyle, Cabinet Member for Jobs and Regeneration, Coventry City Council

Keynote Address – The need for change
• Steve Berry, Head, Highways Maintenance Branch, Local Transport Funding and Growth Division, Department for Transport

What is Very Light Rail and what does it offer?
• Nick Mallinson, Programme Manager VLR, WMG
• Colin Knight, Director of Transportation and Highways, Coventry City Council
• Nicola Small, Programme Manager for VLR, Coventry City Council
• Grant McKelvie, Commercial Director, Coventry City Council
• Cost of Urban Very Light Rail, Andrew Stamps, Rider Levett Bucknall

SESSION 2
The Very Light Rail National Innovation Centre
• Alan Lunt, Strategic Director (Place) & Deputy Chief Executive, Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council

Very Light Rail Revolution project – the foundations for Coventry VLR
• Tim Burleigh, Head of External Relations, Eversholt Rail
• Martin Pemberton, Managing Director, TDI

What standards will apply to VLR systems and how will approval be achieved?
• Bridget Eickhoff, Principal Infrastructure Engineer, RSSB

SESSION 3
What is best practice for delivery of a safe VLR system?
• Peter Howarth, Independent Competent Person for the Coventry Very Light Rail project

How VLR can inform and complement traditional rail
• Rory Dickerson, Senior Engineer for Traction & Rolling Stock, Network Rail

Accessible urban rail solutions and the UK housing gap
Robin Butler, Managing Director, Urban and Civic plc

Panel Q&A

Closing remarks
• Nick Mallinson, WMG

Tours of WMG and drop in sessions with experts