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Agenda

09:00 Event Opens

09:10 **NEAA Welcome** – Paul Butler, CEO, NEAA

09:20 **Main Sponsor Welcome** - Patrick Melia, Chief Executive, Sunderland City Council

09:30 **Headline Speaker** - Adam Pennick, Vice President of Manufacturing, Nissan Motor Manufacturing UK

10:00 **Headline Speaker** - Dr Henry Kippin, Chief Executive, North of Tyne Combined Authority and interim Chief Executive, North East Mayoral Combined Authority

10:30 Exhibition, Meet the Buyer, Technology Showcase, Networking

10:45 **Skills Panel - Skills for the Future**

- **Panel Chair:** Professor Matt Boyle OBE, Chairman at the North East Automotive Alliance (NEAA) and Chair of Driving the Electric Revolution Innovation Centre (DER-IC) Project
- **Panellists:**
 - Dr Henry Kippin, Chief Executive of the North of Tyne Combined Authority and interim Chief Executive of the North East Mayoral Combined Authority
 - Ellen Thinnesen, Chief Executive of Education Partnership North East
 - Howard Slater, Director of Engineering at Curtis Instruments, Inc.
 - Alison Maynard, Deputy Principal at New College Durham and Strategic Lead for the North East Institute of Technology (NEIoT)
 - Neil Willis, Regional Lead : Education Challenge at the North East Local Enterprise Partnership
 - Sean McIlveen, Director at Infinitive Perspective Consulting
 - Bob Blenkinsop, Director at Infinitive Perspective Consulting
 - Mark David, Skills Project Manager at the North East Automotive Alliance

12:00 **Lunch**

13:30 **Technology Showcase Demonstrations**

15:00 **Networking & Drinks Reception**

16:30 Event Closes