

**Westminster Business Forum Keynote Seminar:
Policy priorities for UK manufacturing - investment, competitiveness and innovation**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 21st June 2018

Venue: Asia House, 63 New Cavendish Street, Marylebone, London W1G 7LP

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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Cavendish of Furness, Member, All-Party Parliamentary Manufacturing Group
- 9.05 - 9.30 **The Industrial Strategy and the future of UK manufacturing**
Chris White, Director, Institute for Industrial Strategy, King's College London
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 10.25 **Priorities for policy - support, productivity and responding to Brexit**
Lesley Batchelor, Director General, Institute of Export and International Trade
Kieron Salter, Managing Director, KW Special Projects
Professor Lisa De Propris, Professor, Regional Economic Development, Birmingham Business School, University of Birmingham
Chris McDonald, Chief Executive Officer, Materials Processing Institute
Senior representative, regional development
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 - 10.30 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Cavendish of Furness, Member, All-Party Parliamentary Manufacturing Group
- 10.30 - 10.55 Coffee
- 10.55 - 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Fox, Liberal Democrat Lords Spokesperson, Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
- 11.00 - 11.30 **Supporting competitiveness and growth in UK manufacturing**
Stephen Phipson, Chief Executive, EEF
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 - 12.30 **The future for manufacturing in an era of transformative change - innovation, sustainability and developing the sector's skills base**
Angela Francis, Chief Economist, Green Alliance
Professor Libby John, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Head, College of Science and Engineering, University of Lincoln
Martin Walder, Vice President, Industry, Schneider Electric and Chairman, Engineering and Machinery Alliance
Dr George Dibb, Head of Industry, Technology & Innovation, Policy Connect
Ross Taylor, Industry Director, Manufacturing, Transport and Logistics, Barclays
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Identifying, funding and de-risking innovation in UK manufacturing**
Simon Masters, Head of High Value Manufacturing, Innovate UK
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**
Lord Fox, Liberal Democrat Lords Spokesperson, Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
Peter van Gelder, Director, Westminster Business Forum