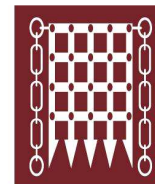


**Westminster Business Forum Keynote Seminar:  
Next steps for increasing productivity in UK businesses - leadership, workforce development  
and tackling regional disparities**

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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Priorities for the Business Productivity Review**  
**James Partington**, Deputy Director, Business Productivity Review, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 9.50 **The UK in an international productivity context and lessons in tackling productivity challenges**  
**Annabelle Mourougane**, Deputy Head of Division and Head of UK/Netherlands Desk, Economics Department, OECD
- 9.50 - 10.40 **Strategies for tackling the 'Productivity Puzzle': addressing regional needs, developing wider infrastructure and lessons in raising productivity**  
**Tej Parikh**, Senior Economist, Institute of Directors  
**Richard Chaplin**, Founder & Chief Executive, Managing Partners' Forum  
**Chris Manson**, Chief Executive Officer, Newable  
**Lesley Giles**, Director, Work Foundation  
Senior representative, LEP  
Questions and comments from the floor with **Annabelle Mourougane**, Deputy Head of Division and Head of UK/Netherlands Desk, Economics Department, OECD
- 10.40 - 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.45 - 11.10 Coffee
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 - 11.45 **Raising firm-level productivity - supporting employers to improve productivity in the workplace and encouraging best practice**  
**Tony Danker**, Chief Executive, Be the Business  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 - 12.10 **Innovation in technology as a driver of productivity - opportunities and organisational challenges**  
Senior speaker to be confirmed  
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Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.10 - 12.55 **Meeting skills needs, developing strong management and effective leadership, and adapting to future business trends**  
**Ben Willmott**, Head of Public Policy, CIPD  
**Sue Ferns**, Senior Deputy General Secretary, Prospect  
**Professor Tim Vorley**, Professor of Entrepreneurship, Management School, University of Sheffield  
**Julie Kapsalis**, Managing Director, Commercial, Chichester College Group and Director, Institute of Economic Development  
Senior representative, leadership  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Peter van Gelder**, Director, Westminster Business Forum