

## Westminster Business Forum policy conference:

### Next steps for UK industrial policy

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentary
- 9.05 **Industrial policy and priorities for future development**  
Senior representative, policy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Stakeholder priorities for the UK's industrial policy**  
*assessing the Government's current approach | issues for key industries moving forward | devolved responsibilities and localised strategies | talent pipelines and fostering innovation | sponsorships and funding | supporting the UK's long-term interests*  
**Seamus Nevin**, Interim Policy Director, Make UK  
**Hilary Chipping**, Chief Executive, South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership  
**Giles Wilkes**, Specialist Partner, Flint Global; and Senior Fellow, Institute for Government  
**Greg Wade**, Head of Innovation Policy, UK Universities  
Senior representative, SME  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentary
- 10.30 Break
- 10.40 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentary
- 10.45 **Alternative approaches to industrial policy**  
**Benedict Macon-Cooney**, Chief Policy Strategist, Tony Blair Institute for Global Change  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.10 **Supporting R&D, innovation and investment within key sectors**  
**Dr Jeremy Silver**, Director, Media Clarity
- 11.20 **Putting in place enablers for UK industrial development and growth**  
*supporting innovation | R&D | effective partnerships | economic growth and job security | skills development*  
**Sharon Todd**, CEO, Society of Chemical Industry  
**Professor Luke Georghiou**, Deputy President and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Manchester  
**Louise Hellem**, Chief Economist, Confederation of British Industry  
Senior representative, local authority
- 11.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 **Learning from international industrial strategy**  
Senior representative, policy
- 12.15 **Channelling industrial strategy to support key national policy goals**  
*sustainable growth | achieving net zero targets | levelling up | economic growth and job security*  
**Dr Anna Valero**, Director of Growth Programme, Centre for Economic Performance, London School of Economics  
**Aimie Stone**, Chief Economist, ADS Group  
**Anna Markova**, Senior Policy Officer, Industry and Climate, Trades Union Congress  
**Andrew Leicester**, Associate Director, Frontier Economics
- 12.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentary  
**Sean Cudmore**, Westminster Business Forum