

**Westminster Higher Education Forum Keynote Seminar:
Next steps for developing the 2021 Research Excellence Framework**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 14th November 2017

Venue: Central London



Draft agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Reflecting on REF 2014: areas for continuity and improvement**
Jonathan Legh-Smith, Head of Partnerships & Strategic Research, BT
Michelle Double, Acting Head of Quality and Policy, Research and Enterprise Service, University of Leeds
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.00 **The second Research Excellence Framework - outcomes from the consultation**
Kim Hackett, REF Manager and Head of Research Assessment, HEFCE
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.00 - 10.45 **Reforming structure - panel compositions, expanding submission and impact on staff welfare**
Professor Dianne Berry, Dean of Postgraduate Research Studies and Professor of Psychology, University of Reading and Chair, REF Equality and Diversity Advisory Panel
Dr Carl Walker, Principal Lecturer, Applied Social Science, University of Brighton and Coordinator, *National Senior Management Survey*
Professor Martin McQuillan, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation), Kingston University London
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 - 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 - 11.20 Coffee
- 11.20 - 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.25 - 12.05 **Building a framework that encourages cooperation - interdisciplinary research, industry collaboration and institutional partnerships**
Dr Malcolm Skingle, Director, Academic Liaison, GSK
Dr Lisa Mooney, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research and Knowledge Exchange), University of East London and Member, REF Interdisciplinary Research Advisory Panel
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.05 - 12.55 **Rethinking 'impact' and 'research environment' - broadening and deepening definitions, institutional-level submission and improving insight**
Tom Frostick, Policy and Programmes Manager (Research & International), University Alliance
Matthew Guest, Senior Policy Advisor, GuildHE
Alan Palmer, Head of Policy and Research, MillionPlus
Professor Dinah Birch, Professor of English Literature and Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Cultural Engagement, University of Liverpool
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum