Westminster Employment Forum Keynote Seminar: Reforming careers advice and guidance in England

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 13th October 2016

Venue: Church House, Dean's Yard, London SW1P 3NZ

Agenda subject to change

8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee

9.00 - 9.05 Chair's opening remarks

The Earl of Kinnoull, Crossbench Member, House of Lords Social Mobility Select Committee

9.05 - 9.35 What does good careers education look like?

Professor Sir John Holman, Author, Good Career Guidance, Gatsby Foundation

Questions and comments from the floor

9.35 - 9.45 Engaging the hardest to reach young people in careers education

Maggie Philbin, Chief Executive Officer, Teen Tech

Questions and comments from the floor

9.45 - 10.45 Future for the careers system in England - latest thinking and strategic challenges

The future role for employers: building networks and connections

Claudia Harris, Chief Executive, The Careers & Enterprise Company

Balancing national and local approaches to careers information, advice and guidance

Joe Billington, Director of the National Careers Service, Skills Funding Agency

Careers advice and Apprenticeships - meeting the challenge and spreading the word

Paul Warner, Director of Policy and Strategy, Association of Employment and Learning Providers (AELP)

Questions and comments from the floor

10.45 - 10.50 Chair's closing remarks

The Earl of Kinnoull, Crossbench Member, House of Lords Social Mobility Select Committee

10.50 - 11.15 Coffee

11.15 - 11.20 Chair's opening remarks

Baroness Howells of St Davids, Member, House of Lords Social Mobility Select Committee

11.20 - 11.50 <u>Insights from the careers advice, information and guidance inquiry</u>

Neil Carmichael MP, Co-Chair, Education, Skills and the Economy Sub-Committee

Questions and comments from the floor

11.50 - 12.05 <u>Inspecting careers guidance in schools in England</u>

Anita Pyrkotsch-Jones HMI, National Lead for Careers, Ofsted

12.05 - 12.55 Options for improving the quality of careers provision in schools

What further steps can be taken by Government to incentivise schools to improve their careers provision; should more be done to hold schools to account in this area? How can schools best ensure that their careers provision reflects accurate labour market information and trends? Will the new legislation requiring schools to collaborate with colleges, university technical colleges and other training providers be successful in improving the impartiality of advice available to students; what further action can be taken to raise awareness of Apprenticeships, and other forms of technical and professional education, as a route into the workplace? What are the challenges for ensuring there is careers support for young people throughout their whole time in education, particularly at key transition points when they are making important choices? What should be the role for parents, alumni and school governors in ensuring the provision of careers advice for young people and what support is needed so that they are equiped to provide this? Should schools be required to have an explicit careers policy, available to be viewed online? Following the recommendations of the Parliamentary Sub-Committee on Education, Skills and the Economy, does the Government need to take action to ensure 'greater coherence' or a consolidation of the careers advice and guidance market? What can be learnt from approaches to careers advice and guidance taken by independent schools?

Lin Proctor, Raising Aspirations Director, Pimlico Academy, London

Jan Ellis, Chief Executive, CDI

Tami McCrone, Senior Research Manager, National Foundation for Education Research

Sharon Walpole, Chief Executive Officer, Not Going to Uni

Questions and comments from the floor with Anita Pyrkotsch-Jones HMI, National Lead for Careers, Ofsted

12.55 - 13.00 Chair's and Westminster Employment Forum closing remarks

Baroness Howells of St Davids, Member, House of Lords Social Mobility Select Committee

Tom Overend, Forum Lead, Westminster Employment Forum

