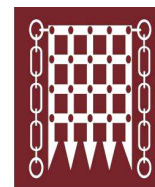


**Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum Keynote Seminar:  
Next steps for farming productivity - agri-tech, investment and knowledge transfer**

*Timing: Morning, Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018*

*Venue: The Caledonian Club, 9 Halkin Street, London SW1X 7DR*



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Baroness McIntosh of Pickering**, former Chair, House of Commons Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee
- 9.05 - 9.30 **Key challenges for farm productivity in the UK**  
**Mark Filley**, Team Leader, Skills, Investment & Collaboration, Farming Productivity Team, Defra  
Questions and comments from the floor with **Tim Mordan**, Deputy Director, Farming Productivity, Defra
- Priorities for innovation - partnerships, sustainability and agri-tech implementation**
- 9.30 - 9.40 *Focus areas for research and partnerships*  
**Professor Michael Lee**, Head of Sustainable Agriculture Sciences, North Wyke, Rothamsted Research
- 9.40 - 9.50 *Accelerating innovation and sharing best practice*  
**Tom Hind**, Chief Strategy Officer, AHDB
- 9.50 - 10.10 *Implementing new technology developments*  
**Dr Julian Little**, Head of Communications & Government Affairs, Bayer Crop Science  
**Will Wells**, Chief Executive Officer, Hummingbird Technologies
- 10.10 - 10.20 *The way forward for promoting sustainability, innovation and productivity*  
**Dr Kate Pressland**, Programme Lead, Innovative Farmers, Soil Association
- 10.20 - 10.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 - 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Baroness McIntosh of Pickering**, former Chair, House of Commons Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee
- 10.45 - 11.10 Coffee
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Baroness Byford**, Member, House of Lords Select Committee on the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006
- 11.15 - 11.25 **Improving productivity - international case study**  
**Professor Gerry Boyle**, Director, Teagasc
- 11.25 - 12.30 **Supporting the sector - investment, infrastructure and skills**
- Steven Thomson**, Senior Agricultural Economist & Communities Sectoral Lead, SRUC
- Dr Andrew Francis**, Chief Economics Adviser, NFU
- Professor Carol Wagstaff**, Director, AgriFood Training Partnership, University of Reading
- Richard Self**, Agricultural Manager, Co-operatives UK and Chair, Agriculture, Environmental and Animal Care Route Panel, Institute for Apprenticeships
- Dr Nerys Llewelyn Jones**, Managing Partner, Agri Advisor
- Questions and comments from the floor with **Professor Gerry Boyle**, Director, Teagasc
- 12.30 - 12.55 **The future for policy to support farm productivity**  
**Tim Mordan**, Deputy Director, Farming Productivity, Defra  
Questions and comments from the floor with **Mark Filley**, Team Leader, Skills, Investment & Collaboration, Farming Productivity Team, Defra
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum closing remarks**  
**Baroness Byford**, Member, House of Lords Select Committee on the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006  
**Thomas Overend**, Associate Producer, Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum