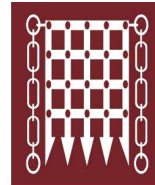


Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum Keynote Seminar:

Next steps for farming productivity - innovation, investment and knowledge transfer

Timing: Morning, Monday, 12th March 2018

Venue: Central London



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 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
- Innovation in farming - research, partnerships and knowledge transfer**
- 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 increasing sustainable intensification*
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**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.45 - 11.10 Coffee
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness McIntosh of Pickering, former Chair, Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee
- 11.15 - 11.25 **Improving productivity - international case study**
Professor Gerry Boyle, Director, Teagasc
- 11.25 - 12.30 **Priorities for 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
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum closing remarks**
Baroness McIntosh of Pickering, former Chair, Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum