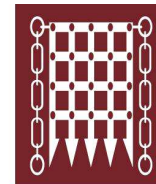


Westminster Business Forum Keynote Seminar: Supporting innovation in UK industry - priorities for investment, the commercialisation of research and UK competitiveness post-Brexit

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 7th September 2017

Venue: Central London



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Holmes of Richmond, Member, Lords Select Committee on Artificial Intelligence
- 9.05 - 9.30 **Innovation and the Industrial Strategy - trends, challenges and opportunities**
Lord Vallance of Tummel, Member, Science and Technology Select Committee
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 10.00 **Identifying and driving innovation in UK industry**
Dr Ruth McKernan, Chief Executive, Innovate UK
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.00 - 11.00 **Facilitating future innovation - attracting investment and skills, developing regional hubs and utilising research**
- Public procurement of research and development - developing routes to market for early stage companies*
Joop Tanis, Director, SBRI Healthcare Programme
- Maximising the impact of UK science and research - funding, knowledge transfer and spin outs*
Dr Paul Findlay, Director of Business Development, University of Hertfordshire
- Attracting and developing skills to drive innovation and growth*
Stephen Howse, Policy Co-ordinator, Semta
- Developing world-class clusters of innovation - opportunities presented by Science and Innovation Audits*
Dr Sarah Perkins, Director, GW4
- Access to finance and attracting private sector investment - supporting innovative firms that are looking to scale up*
Gervais Williams, Managing Director, Minton Capital and Member, Industry Panel, Patient Capital Review
- Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 - 11.05 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Holmes of Richmond, Member, Lords Select Committee on Artificial Intelligence
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- 11.30 - 11.35 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Mendelsohn, Shadow Spokesperson, Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
- 11.35 - 12.30 **What next for UK industrial innovation? Existing strengths, emerging trends and key cross-sector enablers**
- James Chandler**, Vice President, Corporate Affairs, BenevolentAI
- Chris McDonald**, Chief Executive Officer, Materials Processing Institute
- Gary Cutts**, Director, Engineering Capability, Rolls-Royce
- Senior representative, commentator
- Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Innovation in industry - a European perspective**
Seán O'Reagain, Deputy Head of Unit, Advanced Manufacturing Systems and Biotechnologies, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**
Lord Mendelsohn, Shadow Spokesperson, Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
Marc Gammon, Associate Editor, Westminster Business Forum