Policy Forum for London Keynote Seminar:
Developing London's tech sector: infrastructure, finance, skills and support for start-ups
Timing: Morning, Thursday, 2nd April 2015
Venue: Glaziers Hall, 9 Montague Close, London SE1 9DD

Agenda subject to change

8.30 - 9.00	Registration and coffee
9.00 - 9.05	**Chair's opening remarks** **Steve O'Connell AM**, Deputy Chair, Planning Committee, London Assembly
9.05 - 9.15	**Developing London's digital economy** **Eddie Copeland**, Head of Technology Policy unit, Policy Exchange
9.15 - 10.05	**Challenges for digital start-ups and entrepreneurs - finance, talent, intellectual property and office space** *What more can be done to improve access to finance for SMEs in London's tech sector, and with a number of tax incentives aimed at start-ups, what more can be done to help businesses scale up further down the line? What are the next steps for improving access to talent, and in what ways can businesses be supported in hiring from overseas? What will be the impact on the sector of Degree Apprenticeships, to be brought in from September 2015, and what further opportunities exist for developing and promoting digital skills? With recommendations that planning systems and property regulations should be reviewed, what are the next steps for increasing the supply of affordable, flexible, and readily available office spaces for tech start-ups and businesses in London? How can policymakers further support early-stage tech innovators in protecting their intellectual property, and should more be done to encourage patent activity from London's Tech City?* **Guy Levin**, Executive Director, The Coalition for a Digital Economy (Coadec) **Anne Campbell**, Patent Attorney, Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo **Anthony Impey**, Founder and Managing Director, Optimity **Chris Monk**, Head of Projects, Decoded **Charlie Wade**, Director, Tenant Representation, JLL Questions and comments from the floor with **Eddie Copeland**, Head of Technology Policy unit, Policy Exchange
10.05 - 10.15	**Supporting business-led innovation and delivering technology for the future** **Valerie Mocker**, Senior Researcher, Startups and Entrepreneurship, Nesta
10.15 - 10.25	**Encouraging investment in the digital economy** **Anthony Clarke**, Chief Executive Officer, Angel Capital Group and London Business Angels
10.25 - 10.35	**Developing infrastructure and superfast connectivity to support business** **Andrew Campling**, General Manager, London, Southern and Eastern England, BT Group
10.35 - 10.50	Questions and comments from the floor
10.50 - 10.55	**Chair's closing remarks** **Steve O'Connell AM**, Deputy Chair, Planning Committee, London Assembly
10.55 - 11.20	Coffee
11.20 - 11.25	**Chair's opening remarks** **Jennette Arnold AM**, Member for North East (Hackney, Islington and Waltham Forest), London Assembly
11.25 - 11.35	**Next steps for financial technology in London** **Sid Singh**, Senior Executive, Strategy & Corporate Development, Entiq
11.35 - 11.45	**Medical technology and life sciences: research, investment and industry collaboration** **Professor Alan Barrell**, Member, Advisory Board, MedCity
11.45 - 11.55	**Property tech: supporting and financing innovation** **Tushar Agarwal**, Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer, Hubble
11.55 - 12.10	Questions and comments from the floor
12.10 - 12.20	**Regional regeneration, connecting tech-hubs, and TechNorth** **David Dunn**, Chief Executive, Sunderland Software City
12.20 - 12.30	**Implementing Smart London and opportunities for utilising data** **Andrew Collinge**, Assistant Director, Intelligence and Analysis, Greater London Authority
12.30 - 12.40	**Policy priorities, and making London the 'tech capital of the world'** **Ian Plunkett**, Digital Communications Manager, Tech City UK
12.40 - 12.55	Questions and comments from the floor
12.55 - 13.00	**Chair's and Policy Forum for London closing remarks** **Jennette Arnold AM**, Member for North East (Hackney, Islington and Waltham Forest), London Assembly **Marc Gammon**, Senior Producer, Policy Forum for London