

Westminster Business Forum Keynote Seminar
High value manufacturing in the UK - next steps for investment, innovation and competitiveness

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 14th July 2016

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**
Lord Cavendish of Furness, Member, All-Party Parliamentary Manufacturing Group
- 9.05 - 9.25 **High value manufacturing: the future outlook**
Professor Steve Evans, Director of Research in Industrial Sustainability, University of Cambridge
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 - 9.50 **The future for policy - what next for industrial strategy?**
Clare Maret, Head of Manufacturing, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.50 - 10.40 **Key challenges and opportunities for UK manufacturers - skills, sustainability and driving regional growth**

Skills for innovation in manufacturing: high level STEM skills and the impact of the apprenticeship levy
Ann Watson, Chief Executive, Semta

The EU circular economy strategy: impact on production and waste management for UK manufacturing
Jonny Hazell, Senior Policy Adviser, Green Alliance

Regional growth and development - next steps for expanding manufacturing capacity throughout the UK
Jonathon Clark, LCR 4.0 Project Officer, Liverpool City Region Local Enterprise Partnership

Supporting start-ups and mid-sized firms in the UK - addressing common obstacles to growth and productivity
Jason Aldridge, Managing Director, Arrowsmith Engineering

Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 - 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Cavendish of Furness, Member, All-Party Parliamentary Manufacturing Group
- 10.45 - 11.10 Coffee
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Stephen Kinnock MP, Member, All-Party Parliamentary Manufacturing Group
- 11.15 - 11.40 **Globally competitive manufacturing and the role of research and innovation**
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
- 11.40 - 12.30 **Next steps for UK competitiveness - innovation, finance, investment and exports**

Assessing the future role of catapult centres
Dick Elsy, Chief Executive Officer, High Value Manufacturing Catapult

The UK National Strategy for Additive Manufacturing - key findings and opportunities
Neil Mantle, Head of Centre of Competence - Additive Layer Manufacturing, Rolls Royce and Chair, Steering Group for the UK AM Strategy

Implications of the EU referendum result for UK manufacturing - challenges and opportunities for trade-led growth
Chris McDonald, Chief Executive Officer, Materials Processing Institute

Driving UK manufacturing exports - advice, finance and global trends
Caroline Jackson, Deputy Director, Advanced Manufacturing, UK Trade & Investment

Financing growth - asset finance and key issues in the availability and affordability of finance
Ross Taylor, Corporate Director, Manufacturing, Transport and Logistics, Barclays

Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Supporting manufacturers to innovate - progress and next steps for strategy**
Dr Zoë Webster, Head of High Value Manufacturing, Innovate UK
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**
Stephen Kinnock MP, Member, All-Party Parliamentary Manufacturing Group
Marc Gammon, Associate Editor, Westminster Business Forum