

Westminster Higher Education Forum Keynote Seminar
Expanding the role of universities in local economic growth

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 7th July 2015

Venue: Sixty One Whitehall, London SW1A 2ET



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Bilimoria, Chancellor, University of Birmingham; Enterprise Leader, Prince's Trust; Founder, Cobra Beer and Chairman, Cobra Beer Partnership
- 9.05 - 9.50 **Universities' current role in the local growth agenda and the impact of English devolution**
Kevin Richardson, Local Growth Expert Adviser, HEFCE
Brhmie Balam, Researcher, Public Services and Communities, RSA
- Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.50 - 10.00 **What about university 'cold spots'?**
Dr Helen Simpson, Reader in Economics, University of Bristol
- Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.00 - 10.10 **Learning from abroad**
Professor Kim Richard Nossal, School of Policy Studies, Queen's University, Ontario, Canada
- Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.10 - 10.55 **Best practice examples of retaining skilled graduates in universities' local area**
Janet Smith-Harrison, STEM Programme Manager, University of Bradford
Ken Lee, HR Director, BBC North
- Encouraging greater entrepreneurship amongst staff and students**
Maddalaine Ansell, Chief Executive, University Alliance
Simon Bond, Innovation Director, SETsquared
- Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 - 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Bilimoria, Chancellor, University of Birmingham; Enterprise Leader, Prince's Trust; Founder, Cobra Beer and Chairman, Cobra Beer Partnership
- 11.00 - 11.25 Coffee
- 11.25 - 11.30 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Shipley, Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Communities, Decentralisation and the Northern Powerhouse
- 11.30 - 12.30 **Improving collaboration with external bodies to enhance growth**
Anne Marie Mountifield, Chief Executive, Solent Local Enterprise Partnership
Professor Eleanor Hamilton, Programme Director, Wave 2 Growth Hubs, Lancaster University
- Research and knowledge transfer - innovation, commercialisation and growth**
Professor Brian Tanner, Dean for University Enterprise and Professor of Physics, Durham University
David Cairncross, Senior Policy Adviser, Innovation, CBI
Dr Sophie Laurie, Head of Innovation, NERC
- Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **The way ahead for policy**
Jacqui Ward, Deputy Director, Cities & Local Growth Unit
- Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Shipley, Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Communities, Decentralisation and the Northern Powerhouse
Peter van Gelder, Director, Westminster Higher Education Forum