

Westminster Business Forum policy conference
Next steps for supporting business innovation and innovative businesses

Timing: Morning, Monday 11th July 2022

*****Taking Place Online*****

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Blake of Leeds, Shadow Spokesperson, Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and International Trade
- 9.05 **UK Innovation - key issues and opportunities going forward**
Dave Wilkes, Director, Innovation Ecosystem, Innovate UK
- 9.15 **Priorities for creating a supportive, agile and competitive UK innovation ecosystem**
Dom Hallas, Executive Director, Coadec
Senior representative, higher education
- 9.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.45 **Improving access to finance - connections between investors and entrepreneurs, balancing and managing risk, opportunities for leveraging public funding and expanding the specialist skills of VCs**
Jenny Tooth, Executive Chair, UK Business Angels Association
Peter Barrant, Managing Director, Newable Capital
Dr Jeremy Silver, CEO, Digital Catapult
Senior representative, business
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 Break
- 10.35 **Improving market and export opportunities - government procurement processes, participation in international outreach programmes, and priorities for support including navigating standards and legal requirements**
Connie Moser, CEO, Navenio
Josh Robson, Head of Public Affairs and External Relations, ScaleUp Institute
Simon Gibson, CEO, Spirant Group
Tom Graham, Managing Director, Banking, Accenture
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.20 **Chair's closing remarks**
Baroness Blake of Leeds, Shadow Spokesperson, Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and International Trade
- 11.25 Break
- 11.35 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.40 **Talent and leadership - meeting skills needs and gaps, support for entrepreneurs and leaders, developing domestic talent pools, and the potential for attracting global talent through new visa routes and programmes**
Nadia Edwards-Dashti, Chief Customer Officer, Harrington Starr
Katie Newbury, Partner, Immigration, Kingsley Napley
Senior representative, training
Senior representative, business
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **UK innovation policy going forward**
Sarah Mackintosh, Deputy Director, Innovation, BEIS
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Patrick Owen, Senior Researcher, Westminster Business Forum