

## Westminster Business Forum policy conference

### Key priorities for the space sector in the UK

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020

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

*Draft agenda subject to change*

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Dr Philippa Whitford MP**, Vice Chair, Parliamentary Space Committee
- 9.05 **The development and regulation of commercial spaceflight in the UK**  
**Paul Cremin**, Commercial Spaceflight Policy & Regulation Lead, Department of Transport  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Commercialising the UK's space sector: spaceport development and spaceflight regulation**
- Progress with plans for UK spaceflight*  
**Nick Shave**, Chair, UKSpace
- Plans for commercial flights in the UK*  
**Steve Eisele**, Vice President, Business Development, Virgin Orbit
- The future regulatory framework for the sector*  
**Joanne Wheeler**, Managing Partner, Alden Legal
- Developing and utilising funding for UK spaceports*  
**David Oxley**, Director of Business and Sector Development, Highlands and Islands Enterprise
- Space flight operations and manufacturing*  
**Nik Smith**, Regional Director UK and Europe, Lockheed Martin Space  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Dr Philippa Whitford MP**, Vice Chair, Parliamentary Space Committee
- 10.30 Break
- 10.40 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.45 **Strengthening international partnerships and cooperation**  
Senior representative, international partnership  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.25 Break
- 11.30 **Opportunities for growth, innovation and utilising funding**
- Collaboration between government and industry to achieve growth in the sector*  
**Graham Peters**, Chair, Space Growth Partnership
- Developing the skills and workforce to meet sector needs*  
Senior representative, education
- The role that the UK space sector can play in earth observation and combatting climate change*  
Senior representative, climate change
- Improving telecommunications and connectivity*  
Senior representative, telecommunications
- Defence, space and the MOD's role as a customer to the industry*  
**Air Vice-Marshal Harvey Smyth**, Director Space, Ministry of Defence  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 **Next steps for the UK's space sector**  
**Graham Turnock**, Chief Executive Officer, UK Space Agency  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Peter van Gelder**, Director, Westminster Business Forum