Westminster Business Forum policy conference:
Developing the Oxford-MK-Cambridge Arc economy - collaboration, building on the region’s research base and delivering the Local Industrial Strategies
Timing: Morning, Thursday, 12th September 2019
Venue: One Great George Street, London SW1P 3AA

Draft agenda subject to change

8.30 - 9.00  Registration and coffee

9.00 - 9.05  Chair’s opening remarks
Senior Parliamentarian

9.05 - 9.20  A single economic vision for the Oxford-MK-Cambridge Arc
Nigel Tipple, Chief Executive, OxLEP and Chair, Productivity Group, Ox-Cambridge Arc

9.20 - 10.10  Bringing the four Local Industrial Strategies together - developing an approach to skills, infrastructure and business support across the Arc
Hilary Chipping, Chief Executive, South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership
James Palmer, Mayor, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority
Dr Julie Mills, Chief Executive Officer and Group Principal, Milton Keynes College
Dean Sporn, Director, National Infrastructure, Highways England
Rob Brighouse, Chairman, East West Railway Company
Questions and comments from the floor with Nigel Tipple, Chief Executive, OxLEP and Chair, Productivity Group, Ox-Cambridge Arc

10.10 - 10.15  Chair’s closing remarks
Senior Parliamentarian

10.15 - 10.40  Coffee

10.40 - 10.45  Chair’s opening remarks
Anneliese Dodds MP, Member of Parliament for Oxford East

10.45 - 11.35  Building on the region’s research base - priorities for investing in new technologies, improving business-industry collaboration and developing clusters
Roz Bird, Commercial Director, Innovation Centre, Silverstone Park
Jo Stevens, Managing Director, Oxford Innovation
Bill Rammell, Vice-Chancellor, University of Bedfordshire and former Minister, Further and Higher Education, Department for Education (2005-08)
Martin Garratt, Chief Executive, Cambridge Cleantech
Questions and comments from the floor

11.35 - 11.55  An international perspective on developing regions
Senior speaker to be confirmed
Questions and comments from the floor

11.55 - 12.30  Developing a brand for the Arc as a region and attracting inward investment
Ron Henry, Director, Midlands and East, Stantec
Professor Jim Hall, Director, UK Infrastructure Transitions Research Consortium, University of Oxford
Michael Copleston, Head of Land, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
Questions and comments from the floor

12.30 - 12.55  Implementing the Local Industrial Strategy and its place within Government’s wider Industrial Strategy
Senior speaker to be confirmed
Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 - 13.00  Chair’s and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks
Anneliese Dodds MP, Member of Parliament for Oxford East
Peter van Gelder, Director, Westminster Business Forum