Westminster Higher Education Forum Keynote Seminar:
Next steps for developing the 2021 Research Excellence Framework
Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 14th November 2017
Venue: Park Crescent Conference Centre, International Students House, 229 Great Portland Street, London W1W 5PN

Agenda subject to change

8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee

9.00 - 9.05 Chair’s opening remarks
Rt Hon the Lord Hunt of Kings Heath, Shadow Spokesperson on Health, Higher Education and Cabinet Office

9.05 - 9.35 Reflecting on REF 2014: areas for continuity and improvement
Jonathan Legh-Smith, Head of Partnerships & Strategic Research, BT
Michelle Double, Head of Research Quality and Policy, Research and Innovation Service, University of Leeds
Questions and comments from the floor

9.35 - 10.00 The second Research Excellence Framework - outcomes from the consultation
Kim Hackett, REF Manager and Head of Research Assessment, HEFCE
Questions and comments from the floor

10.00 - 10.45 Reforming structure - panel compositions, expanding submission and impact on staff welfare
Professor Dianne Berry, Dean of Postgraduate Research Studies and Professor of Psychology, University of Reading and Chair, REF Equality and Diversity Advisory Panel
Dr Carl Walker, Principal Lecturer, Applied Social Science, University of Brighton and Coordinator, National Senior Management Survey
Martin McQuillan, Editor, HE, Research Fortnight
Questions and comments from the floor

10.45 - 10.50 Chair’s closing remarks
Rt Hon the Lord Hunt of Kings Heath, Shadow Spokesperson on Health, Higher Education and Cabinet Office

10.50 - 11.20 Coffee

11.20 - 11.25 Chair’s opening remarks
Chris Green MP

11.25 - 12.05 Building a framework that encourages cooperation - interdisciplinary research and industry collaboration
Dr Malcolm Skingle, Director, Academic Liaison, GSK
Dr Lisa Mooney, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research and Knowledge Exchange), University of East London and Member, REF Interdisciplinary Research Advisory Panel
Questions and comments from the floor

12.05 - 12.55 Rethinking ‘impact’ and ‘research environment’ - broadening and deepening definitions, institutional-level submission and improving insight
Tom Frostick, Policy and Programmes Manager (Research & International), University Alliance
Matthew Guest, Senior Policy Advisor, GuildHE
Alan Palmer, Head of Policy and Research, MillionPlus
Professor Dinah Birch, Professor of English Literature and Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Cultural Engagement, University of Liverpool
Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 - 13.00 Chair’s and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks
Chris Green MP
Tom Overend, Associate Producer, Westminster Higher Education Forum