

**Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference:
Next steps for university spin-outs and commercialisation**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Taking forward key recommendations from the Independent Review of university spin-outs**
Alice Frost, Director of Knowledge Exchange, Research England
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Spin-out creation and growth**
process efficiency and reducing bureaucracy | the role of early-stage angel and VC funding | securing scale-up and long-term investment | maintaining international competitiveness as an investment destination
Professor Ashutosh Tiwari, Deputy Vice-President for Innovation, University of Sheffield
Thomas Frostick, Head of Policy, Research and Innovation, The Royal Society
Senior representative, spin-out
Senior representative, investment
Senior representative, international spin-out
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Spin-out creation in research departments - creating a fair blueprint for HEI and investor relations**
Senior representative, university
Senior representative, investment
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 **International best practice - opportunities through research commercialisation**
Senior representative, international university
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Future directions for the spin-outs landscape**
widening access in spin-out creation | examining the role of spin-outs in the levelling up agenda | exploring options for policy and investment moving forward
Senior representative, spin-out
Senior representative, university
Senior representative, learned society
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Key priorities for policy moving forward**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Higher Education Forum