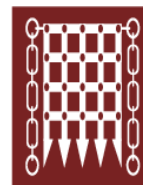**Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference:**
Next steps for digital technology in higher education
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8.30   Registration

9.00   **Chair's opening remarks**
            Lord Lucas

9.05   **The current landscape for digital technology in higher education**
            Heidi Fraser-Krauss, Chief Executive Officer, JISC
            Questions and comments from the floor

9.35   **Developing effective digital technologies for UK HEIs - ensuring value for money and maximising benefits for staff and students**
            Sue Bagguley, Head of Business Development and Digital Enterprise Sales, Siemens Digital Industries

9.45   **HE course design and the role of digital technology**
            blended learning models and digital courses │ best practice for partnerships with digital platform providers │ collaboration with staff │
            ensuring adequate training and supporting adoption │ opportunities for increasing efficiency in course delivery and reducing workloads
            Professor Manuel Frutos-Perez, Chief Academic Officer, CEG Digital; and Professor, Online Education, University of Hull
            Professor Ian Pickup, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Students), The Open University
            Dr Ann Thanaraj, Associate Professor of Learning and Teaching; and Assistant Director of Digital Transformation, Teesside University
            Paul Durston, Digital Learning Manager, Teesside University
            Dr Ailsa Crum, Director, Membership, Quality Enhancement and Standards, QAA

10.15   Questions and comments from the floor

10.35   **Chair's closing remarks**
            Lord Lucas

10.40   Break

10.50   **Chair's opening remarks**
            Senior Parliamentarian

10.55   **The role of digital provision in widening participation and access to university**
            Senior representative, university

11.05   **Student, staff and employer priorities for digital tech development**
            widening participation through part-time and distanced learning │ maintaining quality and value for students in teaching and assessment
            │ use of AI and technology to adapt to employer needs and the graduate job market │ the role of technologies in assisting access and
            inclusion for those with special needs │ the future of lecture recording and implications for IP and the rights of teaching staff
            Lila Tamea, PhD Researcher, Liverpool John Moores University; and Director, Baltic Creative
            Jonathan Hassell, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Hassell Inclusion
            Senior representative, legal
            Senior representative, teaching

11.25   Questions and comments from the floor

11.45   **Opportunities for supporting strategic national and global policy objectives**
            innovating to support national and global priorities for environmental suitability and levelling up │ ensuring digital inclusion alongside
            tech investment │ what can be learned from international strategy │ growing international teaching and research collaboration through
            tech
            Dr Amanda Taylor-Beswick, Professor, Digital and Social Sciences; and Director, Centre for Digital Transformation, University of Cumbria
            Vic Stephenson, Senior Consultant, Advance HE
            Raja-Saleem Javaid, Chief Information and Transformation Officer, University of Warwick
            Questions and comments from the floor

12.30   **Policy priorities for developing and implementing digital technologies in HEIs**
            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