

## Westminster Business Forum policy conference

### Developing the UK space sector - regulation and government strategy, investment, capabilities and competitiveness, and national and global opportunities

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Developing and implementing the new national space strategy**  
**Ian Annett**, Deputy CEO for Programme Delivery, UK Space Agency
- 9.15 **The Space Industry Regulations and the legislative framework for the sector - implementation and compliance, liability and licensing, environmental considerations, and safety, security and informed consent in space travel**  
**Tony Azzarelli**, Company Director and Co-Founder, Access Space Alliance  
**Joanne Wheeler**, Managing Partner, Alden Legal  
**Colin MacLeod**, Head of UK Spaceflight Regulation, Civil Aviation Authority  
Senior representative, industry  
Senior representative, insurance
- 9.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.00 Break
- 10.05 **Priorities for promoting investment and trade opportunities for the space sector, and positioning the UK as an attractive market for space travel**  
**Rob Desborough**, Partner, Seraphim Space Fund and Chief Executive Officer, Seraphim Space Camp  
**Andrew Stanniland**, Chief Executive Officer, Thales Alenia Space UK  
Senior representative, international outreach
- 10.20 **Spaceports and hubs - improving the UK's launch capabilities and outlook for commercial flights**  
**Steve Eisele**, Vice President, Business Development, Virgin Orbit
- 10.30 **International partnerships and competition in the space sector, and opportunities for deepening collaboration**  
**Elodie Viau**, Director of Telecommunication and Integrated Applications and Head, ECSAT, European Space Agency
- 10.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.10 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 Break
- 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.30 **Skills and driving forward the space strategy - creating high value employment, the role of apprenticeships in meeting future skills needs, and how the needs of the sector can support filling wider STEM skills gaps in the UK**  
**Roy Haworth**, Head of Digital Design Process and Implementation, Airbus  
**Doug Liddle**, co-founder and CEO, In-Space  
**Dr Nigel Bannister**, Associate Professor, School of Physics and Astronomy, University of Leicester  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.10 Break
- 12.15 **R&D, innovation and spreading the benefits of the space sector - facilitating knowledge exchange between key areas such as data and communications and earth observation, and integrating space with other areas of policy**  
**Nick Shave**, Chair, UKspace and Vice President, Strategic Programmes, Inmarsat  
**Dave Gordon**, Senior Vice President UK, Rolls-Royce - Defence  
Senior representative, research  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Westminster Business Forum