

**Westminster Business Forum policy conference:
University spin-outs: next steps for development and commercialisation in the UK**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 12th December 2024

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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
- 9.35 **Spin-out growth and progress following the Independent Review**
growth efficiency in the context of the Government's investment and spending plans | the role of university partner funds and accelerators | securing scale-up and long-term investment | maintaining international competitiveness as an investment destination | implementing the Independent Review under the new Government | disseminating best practices | increasing regional investment | assessing the self-sponsorship route and other visa schemes' effect on international students and recruitment
Dr Stuart Wilkinson, CEO, Knowledge Exchange UK
Dr Srijan Jindal, Co-Founder and CSO, PhenUtest
Dr Barbara Blaney, Senior Enterprise Officer, Edinburgh Innovations
Rick McCordall, Head, Company Creation, Newcastle University
Katie Newbury, Partner, Kingsley Napley
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Spin-out growth and commercialisation in the UK - assessing best practice**
Professor Chas Bountra, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Innovation, University of Oxford
Senior representative, investment
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 **Priorities for knowledge exchange**
Senior representative, university
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Supporting the future development of spin-outs in the UK**
widening access to knowledge exchange data | examining the role of spin-outs in the Government's growth agenda | exploring options for policy and investment moving forward | expanding the scope of spin-out sectors | increasing regional investment | aligning sector ambitions with wider policy and economic considerations
Kerry Baldwin, Managing Partner, IQ Capital
Nicola McMillan, Team Leader, High Growth Company Creation, Scottish Enterprise
Senior representative, spin-out
Senior representative, university
Senior academic
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Key priorities for policy moving forward**
Dr Alison Campbell, CEO, Government Office for Technology Transfer
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum