

## Westminster Higher Education Forum and Westminster Business Forum policy conference:

### Next steps for UK university spin-outs and commercialisation

Timing: Morning, Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Baroness Neville-Jones**
- 9.05 **Key findings from the Independent Review of university spin-outs - priorities for policy delivery, funding and HE sector practice going forward**  
**Alice Frost**, Director of Knowledge Exchange, Research England  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Defining the relationship between HEIs and spin-outs - the structure of university spin outs, equity stakes in spin-out companies and their impact on further investment, and creating a fair relationship between HEIs and investors**  
**Tomas Ulrichsen**, Director, Policy Evidence Unit for University Commercialisation and Innovation, University of Cambridge  
**Dr Benjamin Miles**, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Spin Up Science  
**Dr Ananay Aguilár**, Head, TenU  
**Professor Claude Wischik**, Executive Chairman and Co-Founder, TauRx Therapeutics  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Baroness Neville-Jones**
- 10.35 Break
- 10.45 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Baroness Brown of Cambridge**, Chair, House of Lords Science and Technology Committee
- 10.50 **Spin-out creation - process efficiency and reducing bureaucracy, the role of early-stage angel and VC funding, knowledge exchange, reducing barriers to pursuing commercial interests, and securing scale-up and long-term investment**  
**Henry Whorwood**, Head of Research and Consultancy, Beauhurst  
**David Russell**, Chief Executive Officer, Praxis Auril  
**Dr David McBeth**, Vice-Principal of Enterprise and Economic Transformation, University of Dundee  
**Clare Terlouw**, Head of LifeArc Ventures  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Widening participation and improving diversity - increasing the geographic spread of successful spin-outs, encouraging investment beyond the South East of England, and examining the role of spin-outs in the levelling up agenda**  
**Dr Simonetta Manfredi**, Professor of Equality and Diversity Management and Director of Research, Innovation and Enterprise, Oxford Brookes University  
**Nicola McConville**, Partner, Mishcon de Reya  
**Nick Smailes**, Commercial Director, Faraday Institution  
**Dr Anna Vartapetiance**, Chief Executive Officer, Director and Founder, Securium  
**Professor Richard Hague**, Director, Centre of Additive Manufacturing, University of Nottingham  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Key priorities for policy moving forward**  
**Robin Polding**, Research Commercialisation Policy Lead, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**  
**Baroness Brown of Cambridge**, Chair, House of Lords Science and Technology Committee  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum and Westminster Business Forum

