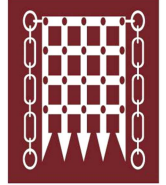


Westminster Business Forum Keynote Seminar:

Next steps for the West Midlands Local Industrial Strategy - innovation, infrastructure and skills

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 27th June 2019

Venue: Central Birmingham



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 - 9.30 **The next steps for the West Midlands Local Industrial Strategy and its potential impact on the region - building on automotive & rail clusters, supporting innovation in data & AI, and investment in infrastructure**
Councillor Ian Ward, Leader, Birmingham City Council and Portfolio Lead, Growth, WMCA
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 9.45 **What do businesses need from the Strategy and can it deliver greater productivity, growth and innovation?**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.45 - 10.20 **Raising the region's labour force productivity - skills, leadership and mental health**
Superintendent Sean Russell, Director, Implementation, West Midlands Mental Health Commission, WMCA
Senior representative, FE college
Senior representative, business
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 - 11.05 **Priorities for achieving the aims of the Local Industrial Strategy - innovation, inward investment and the West Midlands competitive positioning**
Zach Wilcox, Senior Consultant, City Economics, Arup
Tim Pile, Chair, Greater Birmingham & Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership
Senior representative, business
Senior representative, university
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 - 11.10 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 - 11.40 Coffee
- 11.40 - 11.45 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.45 - 12.30 **Delivering 'inclusive growth' and priorities for regeneration - key infrastructure needs, the future for West Midlands land management and making the most of the Commonwealth Games**
Professor John Bryson, Professor, Enterprise and Economic Geography, University of Birmingham
Laura Shoaf, Managing Director, Transport for West Midlands
Councillor Celia Hibbert, Penn Ward, City of Wolverhampton Council
Senior representative, sports body
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Implementing the Local Industrial Strategy and its place within Government's wider Industrial Strategy**
Senior speaker confirmed from the **Cities and Local Growth Unit**
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Peter van Gelder, Director, Westminster Business Forum