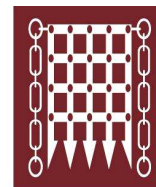


Westminster Employment Forum Keynote Seminar: Next steps for apprenticeship funding in England - the future for the levy, priorities for business and improving apprenticeship take-up

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 8th October 2019

Venue: Central London



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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 apprenticeship programme - progress so far**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 10.20 **Funding band reviews and the next steps for the apprenticeship levy - impact so far, priorities for business and which levels the levy should be focused on**
Rob Wall, Head of Policy, CMI
Mark Dawe, Chief Executive, AELP
Senior representative, assessment
Senior representative, local government
Commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 - 10.25 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.25 - 10.50 Coffee
- 10.50 - 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 - 11.15 **Getting funding policy right for business**

Utilising the levy effectively
Senior representative, business

Making the apprenticeship system work for small business
Anthony Impey, Apprenticeships and Skills Chair, FSB
- 11.15 - 11.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 - 12.30 **Sustaining growth in apprenticeship starts - information and support for businesses, utilising funds and designing effective programmes which offer value for money**
Mark Donnelly, Head, Apprenticeship and Skills, BAE Systems
Louise Doyle, Director, Mesma and Senior Associate, Strategic Development Network
Kirstie Donnelly, Managing Director, City & Guilds
Senior representative, FE college
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **The Apprenticeship Levy - impact of reforms and long term operation**
Keith Smith, Director, Apprenticeships, ESFA
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Employment Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Employment Forum