Westminster Business Forum policy conference  
Supporting new businesses to start and scale-up in the UK  
Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 9th October 2019  
Venue: Central London  

Draft agenda subject to change

8.30 - 9.00  
Registration and coffee

9.00 - 9.05  
Chair’s opening remarks  
Rachel MacLean MP, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Entrepreneurship

9.05 - 9.20  
Starting young - fostering an enterprise culture among the next generation and improving support for young entrepreneurs  
Stuart Thomason, Chief Executive, Business Launchpad  
Kevin Sutton, Head of Operations, The Prince’s Trust

9.20 - 9.55  
Tapping into the unrealised potential of female entrepreneurs - removing barriers for those with care responsibilities, transparency in finance and mentoring  
Alison Rose, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, NatWest Holdings; Chief Executive Officer, Commercial & Private Banking, RBS and Lead, Alison Rose Review of Female Entrepreneurship  
Questions and comments from the floor with Stuart Thomason, Chief Executive, Business Launchpad and Kevin Sutton, Head of Operations, The Prince’s Trust

9.55 - 10.15  
What entrepreneurs want - priorities for policymakers to support small business  
Emma Jones, Founder, Enterprise Nation and Co-Chair, Prime Minister’s Small Business, Scale Ups and Entrepreneurs Council  
Questions and comments from the floor

10.15 - 11.00  
Encouraging future entrepreneurs - the role of education, mentors and social enterprise  
Dr Harveen Chugh, Senior Teaching Fellow in Entrepreneurship, Business School, Imperial College London  
Kath Senior, Director, EcoStardust  
Colin Bell, Business Growth Director, North East LEP  
Alastair Wilson, CEO, The School for Social Entrepreneurs  
Ruth Rowe, Entrepreneurship Manager, Bridgend College  
Questions and comments from the floor

11.00 - 11.05  
Chair’s closing remarks  
Rachel MacLean MP, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Entrepreneurship

11.05 - 11.35  
Coffee

11.35 - 11.40  
Chair’s opening remarks  
Lord Bilimoria, Chairman, Cobra Beer Partnership and Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Entrepreneurship

11.40 - 12.05  
Addressing access to finance - supporting start-ups and scale-ups  
Alice Hu Wagner, Managing Director, Strategy, Economics and Business Development, British Business Bank  
Questions and comments from the floor

12.05 - 12.55  
Access to finance and overcoming challenges to starting and scaling-up a business  
Gary Stewart, Director, Wayra  
Eitan Jankelewitz, Partner, Sheridans  
Juliet Rogan, Head of High Growth & Entrepreneurs, Barclays  
Dr Rob Dekkers, Reader in Industrial Management, Adam Smith Business School, University of Glasgow  
Mark Melford, Co-founder and Director, Captive Media  
Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 - 13.00  
Chair’s and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks  
Lord Bilimoria, Chairman, Cobra Beer Partnership and Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Entrepreneurship  
Peter van Gelder, Director, Westminster Business Forum