## Westminster Media Forum policy conference

## The UK video games sector - competitiveness and growth, consumer protection, and priorities for policy in the new parliament

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Venue: Royal Over-Seas League, Over-Seas House, Park Place, St James's Street, London SW1A 1LR



## Agenda subject to change

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8.30 - 9.00	Registration and coffee	
9.00 - 9.05	<u>Chair's opening remarks</u> <u>Lord McInnes of Kilwinning</u> , Member, House of Lords Communications and Digital Committee	
9.05 - 9.25	The UK's positioning in the global video market - key steps for increasing the sector's global standing Dr Jo Twist, Chief Executive Officer, Ukie Questions and comments from the floor	
9.25 - 9.35	'Maintaining high tech sector growth - access to talent and funding for product innovation, new business models and managing scale'  lan Livingstone, Non-executive Chairman, Sumo Group and Co-Founder, Hiro Capital	
9.35 - 10.25	A sustainable future for video games in the UK - innovation, financial support, and workforce development	
	<u>Latest trends in game design and development</u> Imre Jele, Co-founder and Creator-in-Chief, Bossa Studios	
	<u>Driving the development of video games clusters</u> <b>Sean Taylor</b> , Project Director, InGAME: Innovation for Games and Media Enterprise and Member, International Game Developers Association	
	<u>Priorities for meeting the sector's skills demand</u> Marcia Deakin, Games Partnership Director, NextGen Skills Academy	
	<u>Developing a more inclusive gaming culture - workforce diversity, representation in games, and options for policy</u> <b>Marie-Claire Isaaman,</b> Chief Executive Officer, Women in Games	
	Questions and comments from the floor with <b>Ian Livingstone</b> , Non-executive Chairman, Sumo Group and Co-Founder, Hiro Capital	
10.25 - 10.30	<u>Chair's closing remarks</u> <u>Lord McInnes of Kilwinning</u> , Member, House of Lords Communications and Digital Committee	
10.30 - 10.55	Coffee	
10.55 - 11.00	Chair's opening remarks Alex Sobel MP	
11.00 - 11.10	'Data protection law and future game design: the role of the ICO's age appropriate design code' Steve Wood, Executive Director - Regulatory Strategy, Information Commissioner's Office	
11.10 - 11.20	Latest thinking on links between gaming and gambling, and assessing what further oversight might be required Brad Enright, Programme Director, Regulatory Framework and Outcomes, Gambling Commission	
11.20 - 11.40	Questions and comments from the floor	
11.40 - 11.50	Assessing the evidence and options relating to gaming disorder  Professor Henrietta Bowden-Jones, Director, National Centre for Gaming Disorders and Royal College of Psychiatis Spokesperson on Behavioural Addictions	rists
11.50 - 12.30	The focus on protecting the interests of consumers - policy developments, priorities for safety and fairness, and means for the games sector  Nick Nocton, Partner, Mishcon de Reya Kelvin Plomer, Director of Player Experience, Jagex  Sophie Linington, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Parent Zone  Questions and comments from the floor with Professor Henrietta Bowden-Jones, Director, National Centre for Gaming Disorders and Royal College of Psychiatrists Spokesperson on Behavioural Addictions	what it
12.30 - 12.55	Policy priorities for supporting the development of the UK video games sector Victoria MacCallum, Deputy Director, Creative Industries, DCMS Questions and comments from the floor	
12.55 - 13.00	Chair's and Westminster Media Forum closing remarks  Alex Sobel MP  Michael Brond Doputy Editor Westminster Media Forum	