Westminster Business Forum policy conference
Supporting UK high value manufacturing - innovation and investment, skills and partnerships, and the future for international trade
Timing: Morning, Thursday, 12th December 2019
Venue: Central London

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8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee

9.00 - 9.05 Chair’s opening remarks
Lord Dykes

9.05 - 9.20 Progress since the Made Smarter Review and government priorities for UK manufacturing
Clare Porter, Head of Manufacturing, BEIS

9.20 - 9.35 Tackling barriers to innovation in high value manufacturing - skills, costs, cyber security, and partnership between government and industry
Brian Holliday, Managing Director, Siemens Digital Factory

9.35 - 9.55 Questions and comments from the floor

9.55 - 10.50 Harnessing the potential of industry 4.0 - sustainability, innovation and investment in research and development
Andy Schofield, Manufacturing & Materials Strategy and Technology Director, BAE Systems
Chris McDonald, Chief Executive Officer, Materials Processing Institute
Rosa Wilkinson, Communications Director, High Value Manufacturing Catapult
Senior representative, investment
Senior representative, sustainability
Questions and comments from the floor

10.50 - 10.55 Chair’s closing remarks
Lord Dykes

10.55 - 11.15 Coffee

11.15 - 11.20 Chair’s opening remarks
Senior Parliamentarian

11.20 - 11.40 Reassessing the contribution of the manufacturing industry to the UK economy, and the impact of Brexit
Dr Eoin O’Sullivan, Director, Centre for Science Technology and Innovation Policy, University of Cambridge

11.40 - 12.30 Developing the sector’s skills base - the engagement needed between industry, government and universities to attract young people and under-represented groups
John Patsavellas, Senior Lecturer in Manufacturing Management, Cranfield University
Senior representative, FE Manufacturer
Senior representative, apprenticeships
Questions and comments from the floor with Dr Eoin O’Sullivan, Director, Centre for Science Technology and Innovation Policy, University of Cambridge

12.30 - 12.55 High value manufacturing post-Brexit - international trade, the manufacturing supply chain and the future of sector deals
Stephen Phipson, Chief Executive Officer, Make UK
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