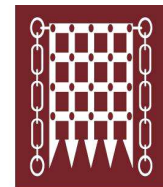


**Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference:
Regional innovation in the UK and the role of HEIs - implementing University Enterprise Zones and the next steps for the Strength in Places Fund**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 12th November 2019

Venue: Central London



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Peter Aldous MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Housing and Employment and Chair, County All-Party Parliamentary Group
- 9.05 - 9.30 **Regional innovation in the UK and the role of HEIs - the current policy landscape**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 9.40 **The place of universities within local communities and their key responsibilities**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
- 9.40 - 10.20 **Key priorities for implementing University Enterprise Zones - opportunities for supporting local innovation, creating effective partnerships and building on current best practice**
Senior representative, university
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, business
Questions and comments from the floor with senior speaker to be confirmed
- 10.20 - 10.45 **'Implementing the Industrial Strategy - the role of universities in their places'**
Alice Frost, Director, Knowledge Exchange, Research England
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 - 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Peter Aldous MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Housing and Employment and Chair, County All-Party Parliamentary Group
- 10.50 - 11.15 Coffee
- 11.15 - 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.20 - 11.45 **Next steps for implementing the Strength in Places Fund**
Dame Kate Barker, Chair, Strength in Places Fund and Chair, Industrial Strategy Commission
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 - 12.30 **Developing universities as regional growth hubs**
Professor Mark Gillan, Head of Innovation and Project Lead, Autonomous Sailing Vessel, Artemis Technologies
Professor Dame Anna Dominiczak, Regius Professor of Medicine; Vice Principal and Head of College, College of Medical, Veterinary and Life Sciences, University of Glasgow
Senior representative, university
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **How can universities drive forward regional innovation? Key priorities looking forward**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum