

**Westminster Education Forum Keynote Seminar: Reforming how schools spend - implementing new purchasing practices, the impact on schools and suppliers and best practice in school resource management**

*Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019*

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



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Lord Evans of Weardale**
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Implementing the School Resource Management strategy**  
**Tony Foot**, Director, Funding and Analysis Directorate, Department for Education  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 9.45 **Supporting school leaders in financial management and the introduction of School Resource Management Advisers**  
**Stephen Morales**, Chief Executive Officer, Institute of School Business Leadership
- 9.45 - 10.30 **Practical steps for improving school resource management - staff leadership, financial skills, recruitment costs, and learning from other sectors**  
**Rowena Hackwood**, Chief Executive Officer, David Ross Education Trust  
**Louise Cooper**, Chief Executive Officer, Governors for Schools  
**Julie Sowerby**, Director, Avec Partnerships  
**Catherine Dottridge**, Chief Financial Officer, Tenax Schools Trust  
Questions and comments from the floor with **Stephen Morales**, Chief Executive Officer, Institute of School Business Leadership
- 10.30 - 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**  
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**Wera Hobhouse MP**, Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Housing, Communities and Local Government
- 11.05 - 11.35 **Optimising non-staff spending by schools and reforming how schools purchase goods and services - buying for schools, 'national deals' and collaboration**  
**Claire Benham**, Commercial Director, Department for Education  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 - 11.45 **Implementation of local and national deals - priorities for suppliers**  
**Caroline Wright**, Director General, British Educational Suppliers Association
- 11.45 - 12.35 **Implementing new purchasing practices in schools - the impact of Government initiatives and the implications for schools and suppliers**  
**Helen MacCarthy**, Deputy Director, People Crown, Commercial Service  
**Trevor Ingham**, Head of Procurement, Liverpool City Council  
**Jo Marshall**, Executive Director, YPO  
**Graham Cook**, Chief Executive Officer, Zenengi  
**Jane Taylor**, Chair, Birmingham Association of School Business Management  
Questions and comments from the floor with **Caroline Wright**, Director General, British Educational Suppliers Association
- 12.35 - 12.55 **Improving school resource management: key priorities for the profession**  
**Hayley Dunn**, Business Leadership Specialist, ASCL  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**  
**Wera Hobhouse MP**, Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Housing, Communities and Local Government  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Westminster Education Forum