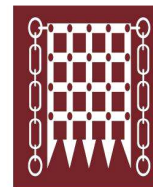


**Westminster Business Forum Keynote Seminar:
Next steps for increasing productivity in UK businesses - leadership, workforce
development and tackling regional disparities**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 28th March 2019

Venue: Central London



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Priorities for the Business Productivity Review**
James Partington, Deputy Director, Business Productivity Review, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 9.50 **The UK in an international productivity context, the impact of Brexit and lessons in tackling productivity challenges**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
- 9.50 - 10.40 **Strategies for tackling the 'Productivity Puzzle': addressing regional needs, developing wider infrastructure and lessons in raising productivity**
Tej Parikh, Senior Economist, Institute of Directors
Senior representative, LEP
Senior representative, business support
Commentator
Questions and comments from the floor with senior speaker to be confirmed
- 10.40 - 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.45 - 11.10 Coffee
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 - 11.45 **Raising firm-level productivity - supporting employers to improve productivity in the workplace and encouraging best practice**
Tony Danker, Chief Executive, Be the Business
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 - 12.10 **Innovation in technology as a driver of productivity - opportunities and organisational challenges**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
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Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.10 - 12.55 **Meeting skills needs, developing strong management and effective leadership, and adapting to future business trends**
Ben Willmott, Head of Public Policy, CIPD
Senior representative, FE
Senior representative, leadership
Senior representative, union
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Employment Forum's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Employment Forum