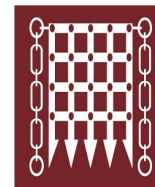


**Westminster Business Forum Keynote Seminar:
Next steps for increasing productivity in UK businesses - leadership, workforce development
and tackling regional disparities**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 28th March 2019

Venue: Congress Centre, 28 Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3LS



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Stephen Kerr MP, Member, House of Commons Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Select Committee
(subject to parliamentary business)
- 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 and lessons in tackling productivity challenges**
Annabelle Mourougane, Deputy Head of Division and Head of UK/Netherlands Desk, Economics Department, OECD
- 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
Richard Chaplin, Founder & Chief Executive, Managing Partners' Forum
Nick Wright, Marketing & Communications Director, Newable
Lesley Giles, Director, Work Foundation
Lord Inglewood, Chairman, Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership
Questions and comments from the floor with **Annabelle Mourougane**, Deputy Head of Division and Head of UK/Netherlands Desk, Economics Department, OECD
- 10.40 - 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Stephen Kerr MP, Member, House of Commons Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Select Committee
(subject to parliamentary business)
- 10.45 - 11.10 Coffee
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Razzall
- 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**
Tom Hadley, Director of Policy and Professional Services, Recruitment & Employment Confederation
Emma Stone, Director of Design and Research, Good Things Foundation
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
Sue Ferns, Senior Deputy General Secretary, Prospect
Professor Tim Vorley, Professor of Entrepreneurship, Management School, University of Sheffield
Julie Kapsalis, Managing Director, Commercial, Chichester College Group and Director, Institute of Economic Development
Jennifer Beckwith, Principal Policy Advisor, Employment Law & Employee Relations, CBI
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum's closing remarks**
Lord Razzall
Peter van Gelder, Director, Westminster Business Forum