# Westminster Education Forum policy conference: Next steps for qualifications reform at Level 2 and below in England

Timing: Morning, Monday, 9th September 2024

\*\*\*Taking place online\*\*\*

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8.30 Registration

### 9.00 Chair's opening remarks

Senior Parliamentarian

#### 9.05 Priorities for the level 2 qualification market moving forward - student options and preparation for delivery

**Karl Anderson**, Head, Qualifications Policy, Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education Questions and comments from the floor

# 9.35 Quality and standards at level 2 and below - simplifying the qualifications landscape

exploring best practice in teaching and learning | preparing providers for 2025 delivery | supporting learners to navigate the qualification landscape | improving accessibility for learners with additional needs

Matt Reynolds, Principal, Cirencester College

Dr Daniel Stavrou, Assistant Director, Council for Disabled Children

John Yarham, Deputy Chief Executive, The Careers and Enterprise Company

Phil Eves, Education Coordinator, BAM Construction

Senior representative, awarding body Questions and comments from the floor

#### 10.35 Chair's closing remarks

Senior Parliamentarian

10.40 Break

#### 10.50 Chair's opening remarks

Senior Parliamentarian

## 10.55 Navigating the Level 2 qualification market for employers and supporting young people onto the career ladder

Ciaran Roche, Public Affairs Manager, Association of Employment and Learning Providers

# 11.05 Next steps for the T Level Foundation Year moving forward - assessing progression to T Levels and improving support for

<u>learners</u>

Jennifer Burden, Director, Programmes, Gatsby Charitable Foundation

11.15 Questions and comments from the floor

#### 11.35 Student progression to further education and skilled employment

meeting the needs of employers | aligning qualifications with local and national skills gaps | promoting lifelong learning | upskilling and retraining the workforce | exploring progression routes to level 3 qualifications | T Levels, apprenticeships and vocational qualifications

Graham Hasting-Evans, Chief Executive, National Open College Network

Councillor Paul Redgate, Chairman, Appeals Panel, South Holland District Council

Melanie Weatherley, CEO, Lincolnshire Care Association

Catherine Sezen, Director, Education Policy, Association of Colleges

**Al Parkes**, Managing Director, EAL Awards Questions and comments from the floor

### 12.25 Policy priorities for level 2 qualifications moving forward

**Helen Kemplay**, Head, Post-16 Qualifications Reform at Level 2 and Below, Department for Education Questions and comments from the floor

# 12.55 <u>Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks</u>

Senior Parliamentarian

Sean Cudmore, Westminster Education Forum

