

**Westminster Business Forum policy conference:
University spin-outs: next steps for development and commercialisation in the UK**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 12th December 2024

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Stephen Gethins MP, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for University
- 9.05 **Taking forward key recommendations from the Independent Review of university spin-outs**
Alice Frost, Director of Knowledge Exchange, Research England
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Spin-out growth and progress following the Independent Review**
growth efficiency in the context of the Government's investment and spending plans | the role of university partner funds and accelerators | securing scale-up and long-term investment | maintaining international competitiveness as an investment destination | implementing the Independent Review under the new Government | disseminating best practices | increasing regional investment | assessing the self-sponsorship route and other visa schemes' effect on international students and recruitment
Dr Stuart Wilkinson, CEO, Knowledge Exchange UK
Dr Srijan Jindal, Co-Founder and CSO, PhenUtest
Dr Barbara Blaney, Senior Enterprise Officer, Edinburgh Innovations
Rick McCordall, Head, Company Creation, Newcastle University
Katie Newbury, Partner, Kingsley Napley
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Spin-out growth and commercialisation in the UK - assessing best practice**
Professor Chas Bountra, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Innovation, University of Oxford
Senior representative, investment
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Stephen Gethins MP, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for University
- 11.00 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 **Priorities for knowledge exchange**
Senior representative, university
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Supporting the future development of spin-outs in the UK**
widening access to knowledge exchange data | examining the role of spin-outs in the Government's growth agenda | exploring options for policy and investment moving forward | expanding the scope of spin-out sectors | increasing regional investment | aligning sector ambitions with wider policy and economic considerations
Kerry Baldwin, Managing Partner, IQ Capital
Nicola McMillan, Team Leader, High Growth Company Creation, Scottish Enterprise
Andrew Greenhalgh, Head, Marketing, Surrey Satellite Technology
Paul Devlin, Head, Research Commercialisation and Impact, Cardiff University
Marty Reid, Interim Executive Director, SETsquared Partnership
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **'Spinouts: knowledge exchange, technology transfer and accelerating innovation'**
Dr Alison Campbell, CEO, Government Office for Technology Transfer
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum