

“Implementing the Research Excellence Framework and Innovation and Research Strategy”

10.00 **Registration and Morning Refreshment**

10.40 **Chair’s Introduction**

Denis Carroll, Head of Knowledge Transfer Partnership Unit, University of Westminster

10.45 **Morning Session – Current and Future Policy:**

- The REF panel criteria: its impact on future submissions and the direction of research
- Assessing research: how will the REF panels oversee and assess research in practice?
- Equality and diversity in research: establishing & implementing codes of practice
- The Innovation & Research Strategy: the framework for multi-institutional funding bids
- The Wilson Review: how will it help to improve business-university collaboration?
- Supporting knowledge transfer: adapting to reform of the HE Innovation Fund

- *David Sweeney, Director – Research, Innovation and Skills, HEFCE*
- *Graeme Rosenberg, REF Manager, HEFCE*
- *Alix Green, Principal Advisor, The Wilson Review & Head of Policy, University of Hertfordshire*

11.45 *Open Discussion & Q&A*

13.00 **Networking Lunch**

13.45 **Interactive Voting Session**

14.00 **Afternoon Session - Policy into Practice:**

- Developing connections between universities and the wider innovation infrastructure
- Partnerships: successful collaboration between business, HEIs and the public sector
- Impact: best-practice examples of ensuring research delivers non-academic benefits

- *Professor Nick Petford, Vice Chancellor, University of Northampton*
- *Professor Keith Randle, Lead, REF submission, University of Hertfordshire Business School*

14.45 *Open Discussion & Q&A*

15.10 **Chair’s Summary**

15.15 **Event Close**
