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Agenda

8:30 Registration & Breakfast Networking

9:20 Chair's opening remarks

9:30 Opening Keynote: Perspectives of a Supercluster

Sir Jonathan Symonds CBE, Co-Chair UK Life Sciences Vision and Chair GSK

9:50 Panel discussion: Accelerating Innovation as a Key Driver of our Economic Future

Chair: Barbara Ghinelli, UKRI STFC

Lord David Willetts, President of the Resolution Foundation, Chair of UK Space Agency Steve Rees OBE, Vice President of Discovery Biology, AstraZeneca Sir Peter Knight - Imperial College London, National Quantum Strategy Baroness Nicola Blackwood, Chair of Genomics England and a Member of the House of Lords Science & Technology Select Committee

10:35 Keynote

The Rt Hon Chloe Smith MP, Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology

10:55 Networking and refreshment break

11:20 The Power of Clusters: Unleashing Scientific Convergence

Sue Foxley, Research Director, Bidwells

11:30 Panel discussion: Creating a World Class Supercluster through the Convergence of Science and Technology

Chair: Sarah Haywood, Managing Director, Advanced Oxford

Isobel Stephen, Executive Director, Strategy, Performance and Engagement, UKRI Kristen-Anne Rutter, Executive Director, Cambridge Biomedical Campus Katherine Morgan, Head of High Growth & Entrepreneurs, Barclays Eagle Labs Sharon Parker-Lines, Deputy Managing Director and Operations Director, Astroscale UK

12:15 Panel discussion: Evolution of Real Estate for a New Era of Science & Technology

Chair: Richard Todd, Head of Oxford, Bidwells

Emma Cariaga, Joint Head of Canada Water & Head of Residential, British Land Jenny Gardner, Director of Development, ARC Artem Korolev, Founder & CEO, Mission Street Orestis Tzortzoglou, Vice President of Development, Biomed Realty

13:00 Lunch break

13:45 Panel discussion: Revaluation of Science & Technology: The Investor Outlook

Jim Wilkinson, Chief Financial Officer, Oxford Science Enterprises Dr Glenn Crocker, Executive Director, Pioneer Group Rebecca Todd, Investment Director, Longwall Venture Partner Hitesh Thakrar, Partner, Syncona Investment Management

14:30 Keynote: East West Rail as a Catalyst for Scientific Growth

Neil Sachdev MBE, Chair of the East West Railway Company

14:50 Networking and refreshment break

15.20 Keynote: Unleashing Innovation for a Net Zero Future

The Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP, Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero

15:40 Panel discussion: Unleashing the Oxford-Cambridge Corridor as an Engine for Growth

Chair: Professor Andy Neely, Senior Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Enterprise and Business, University of Cambridge

Sir John Peace, Chair Midlands Engine

Dr. Andy Williams, Chair – Oxford-Cambridge Supercluster Board

Neelam Patel, CEO MedCity

Dr. Richard Hutchins, Managing Director, Oxford-Cambridge Partnership

16:25 Panel discussion: Breaking Boundaries: Global Science and Tech Giants Investing in the UK

Prof. Wolf Reik, MD & Director, Cambridge Institute of Science, Altos Labs Shelpa Patel, CMO, Oxa

Prof. Matthew Snape, Vice President Paediatric & Maternal Vaccine Clinical Development, Moderna Karen Frieze, Head of Healthcare, Life Sciences & Bioeconomy, Department of Business & Trade Greg Pada, VP Engineering Solutions Portfolio, AVEVA

17:15 Closing remarks

