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WORKINGS OF HM TREASURY AGENDA

Workings of Treasury is a dynamic three-part digital seminar delivered by current and former senior civil servants. This unique series gives you the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of HM Treasury, who the key figures in the policy making process are, and how business and other departments can effectively engage with the department.

Session 1: An Overview of the Treasury and Public Spending | Tuesday 7 June

10:00	Registration	
10:05	Chair Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">Attendee Introductions and Objective SettingAn opportunity for participants to make introductions and set out their learning aims for the day.	Chair, James Richardson Chief Economist at the National Infrastructure Commission. Former Director, Public Spending (2008-12) and Director, Fiscal (2012-16) at HM Treasury
10:10	Breakout	All
10:15	The Role and Structure of the Treasury <ul style="list-style-type: none">Gain insights into overarching role, responsibilities, and focus areas for the treasuryUnderstand the structures of the treasury, including the key figures and individualsLearn how the treasury split its responsibilities in public spending, financial services policy, oversight of the UK tax system, the delivery of infrastructure projects	James Richardson Chief Economist at the National Infrastructure Commission. Former Director, Public Spending (2008-12) and Director, Fiscal (2012-16) at HM Treasury
10:40	Q&A	
10:55	Break	
11:05	Public Spending/Spending Reviews <ul style="list-style-type: none">Understand how the Treasury controls public spending on an ongoing basisHear about the way in which the Treasury manages areas of spending including health, education, criminal justice, local government, housing, culture, defenceUnderstand how the Treasury leads on Spending Reviews, how it utilises data to inform decisions, and how decisions are takenDiscuss how the Treasury works with other Departments during Spending Reviews	Johanna Harston, Deputy Director, General Expenditure Policy, Public Spending Group, HMT. Former Private Secretary to the Chancellor, HMT

11:30	Darlington Campus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn about the new Darlington Economic Campus' roll in the Treasury Discuss the Campus' role in moving 22,000 Civil Service jobs out of London Find out about the Green Book and recent review 	JP Spencer, Head of Green Book and Major Projects HM Treasury
11:45	Joint Q&A	
12:10	Close	

Session 2: Policy Priorities and Cross-Governmental Working | Wednesday 15 June

10:00	Registration	
10:05	Introduction to second session	Chair, Tom Sapsted, Director of Strategic Engagement, Whitehall & Industry Group
10:10	Devolution, Welfare, Taxation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn how the Treasury manages and regulates the UK's tax system, from VAT to corporation tax Understand how welfare spending decisions are made, such as pensions and Universal Credit Learn how the Treasury interacts with the devolved nations & local governments 	TBC
10:30	Q&A	
10:50	Break	
11:00	Economic Productivity and Levelling Up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand how the Treasury manages its domestic economic responsibilities, such as public debt, economic growth and fiscal sustainability Gain an overview of the Treasury's macroeconomic responsibilities and how the department supports the UK's economic position and financial interest on the world stage Learn about the role of financial services regulatory frameworks and markets policy 	James Benford Director for Economics and Head of Analysis HM Treasury
11:20	Interaction Across Government Departments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn how the treasury interacts across Whitehall Understand how the treasury interacts in cross government objectives with examples from the Net Zero agenda 	Niva Thiruchelvam, Deputy Director, Net Zero, and Head of the Net Zero Review, HM Treasury Former Deputy Director for Education and Skills in HM Treasury
11:40	Joint Q&A	
12:00	Close	

Session 3: Key players in the Treasury and Stakeholder Engagement | Wednesday 22 June

10:00	Registration	
10:05	Introduction to final session	Chair, Tom Sapsted, Director of Strategic Engagement, Whitehall & Industry Group
10:10	The Role of the Chancellor of the Exchequer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Learn more about the role of Chancellor ○ Discover how the Chancellor interacts with the Permanent Secretary ○ Get insight into the biggest challenges of the role and ask your questions to the former Chancellor 	Lord Hammond of Runnymede, Philip Hammond, Former Chancellor of the Exchequer (2016-2019)
10:35	Q&A	
10:55	Break	
11:05	The Role of the SpAd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Learn about the role of the SpAd ○ Discover how SpAds interact with Treasury ministers, the Chancellor and Senior Civil Servants ○ Hear about the ways Special Advisers also interact with other external stakeholders 	Sonia Khan Associate Director, Cicero Former Special Advisor to Chancellor of the Exchequer
11:30	Q&A	
11:45	Break	
11:55	Engaging with the Treasury <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discover how the private sector engages with the Treasury ○ Discuss how the private sector should seek to understand spending priorities ○ Learn more about the relationship between businesses and the Treasury 	Fiona Hamilton Director of Public Affairs, Royal Mail
12:15	Q&A	
12:30	Concluding Remarks A review of the day, reflecting on the key learning aims as set out at the beginning and middle of the seminar with a final Q&A	Chair, Tom Sapsted, Director of Strategic Engagement, Whitehall & Industry Group
12:40	Close	