

BIS Select Committee Meeting Agenda 30 November 2015 – 13.45 – 17.45

Visiting Members of Parliament:

1. Iain Wright (Chair) – Labour
2. Paul Blomfield – Labour
3. Richard Fuller - Conservative
4. Peter Kyle – Labour
5. Amanda Milling – Conservative
6. Amanda Solloway – Conservative
7. Jo Stevens – Labour
8. Michelle Thomson – Independent
9. Craig Tracey – Conservative
10. Chris Shaw – BIS Committee Clerk
11. Jessica Montgomery – BIS Committee Clerk

Time	Agenda Item	Lead
	Visit 1: Innovation Birmingham Campus	Dr David Hardman Innovation Birmingham CEO
13.45	Arrival and Introductions and tour of Faraday Wharf and view of the new iCentrum building	
14.05	Presentation describing the Innovation Birmingham Campus offering and future plans	
14.35	Round table discussion and Q&A with up to five of the digital/tech start-ups and SMEs in Faraday Wharf discussing the needs and aspirations of digital start-ups in Birmingham	
15.10	Summarising session	
15.15	Depart for Library of Birmingham (LoB)	
	Visit 2: Library of Birmingham, Level 1, Google Garage	
15.30	Welcome and Introductions	Shilpi Akbar Asst Director of Employment for Birmingham City Council
	Quick introduction to the Digital Economy Inquiry and expectations for the afternoon	Iain Wright BIS Committee Chair
15.45	GBSLEP Strategy for Growth: Mapping the landscape - role of digital, technology & innovation	Tracy Westall Board Member GBSLEP & SCC UK Director
15.55	The Digital Garage Supporting businesses & educators - successes and lessons learnt	Katie O'Donovan Public Policy & Government Relations Manager and Alex

		Nurnberg Marketing Manager for Google
16.05	Businesses in a digital age: conversations with businesses Opportunity for the Committee to participate in digital garage session, with time to talk to businesses, mentors and stakeholders	Jo Ind Google trainer; Katie O'Donovan Alex Nurnberg
16.45	Reconvene back in main room Introduction to Roundtable: Enhancing the region's digital growth economy Participants at roundtable to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What encouragement and facilities are currently provided to assist businesses, particularly SMEs, to improve their digital capacity and operations? What is provided at a local and at a national level?- What are the constraints for business in improving their digital performance/operations? What can be done to remove them?- On skills, what is being done to promote and deliver training to improve digital skills? Who is in the lead on this? How is this implemented? Where are the remaining digital skills gaps?- What links are there between business and further education providers on developing digital skills?- What assistance / encouragement is given to entrepreneurs in the digital sphere, including those developing disruptive technologies? Parallel roundtable 1 - participants to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Birmingham Chamber of Commerce – Elliot Mason (Policy Advisor)o Business Birmingham – Roy Meredith (Snr Business Development Manager)o Barclays – Alan Ainsworth (Director)o Google Garage – Katie O'Donovan (Public Policy & Government Relations)o GBSLEP & Tech UK Board Member – Tracy Westall (Director of SCC)o Innovation Birmingham – David Hardman (CEO)o Digital Birmingham – Raj Mack (Head of Digital Birmingham)o Bham City Council/GBSLEP – Katie Trout (Executive Manager) Parallel roundtable 2 - participants to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Aston University - Professor Paul Maropoulos (Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research and Enterprise)o Birmingham City University – Joanna Birch (Head of Enterprise)o BBC Digital Academy – Gurdip Bhangoo (Head of Future Skills)o Birmingham Science City – Pam Waddell (Director)o Google Garage – Alex Nurnberg (Marketing Manager)o Birmingham City Council – Shilpi Akbar (Asst Director for Employment)o Bham City Council/ GBSLEP – Ian McLaughlan (GBSLEP Growth Hub Manager) and Katie Judge (Executive Officer)o Digital Birmingham – Nicola Bryant (Business Development Manager)	Tracy Westall Facilitated by Iain Wright (BIS) Facilitated by Paul Blomfield (BIS)
17.30	Reflections from roundtable	Iain Wright and Paul Blomfield
17.35	Final remarks	Tracy Westall
17.45	Close and visitors depart to New Street Station	