**APM Manchester Fellows Forum - agenda**

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| **Timing** | **Session** | **Speaker** | **Session objectives** |
| 1pm | **Warm up and goals for the day** | Henry Aldridge, CBI Head of Trade Associations | * Raise energy and interest of participants * Outline objectives for the day and link to business success |
| 1.10pm -1.50pm | **The current context – Politics and Brexit** | Callum Biggins, CBI Head of Campaigns | * Better understand the current political environment and decisions that are likely to arise * Think more about the challenges and opportunities that the UK’s withdrawal from the EU will present for business and learn more about how businesses in different sectors are preparing |
| 1.50-2.30pm | **UK and global economic outlook: what to expect in 2019/20** | Anna Leach, CBI Head of Economic Intelligence | * Learn more about the economic outlook domestically and globally including sector outlooks and key issues |
| 2.30-2.50pm | **Coffee and discussion** |  | * Reflect on the content from the first sessions |
| 2.50-3.30pm | **Current UK climate for technology and innovation** | Roxanne Morison, CBI Head of Digital | * Think about the environment for digital and tech adoption and the discussion between business and government on how the UK can be a global leader on developing and adopting new technology |
| 3.30-4.10pm | **A delve into devolution – challenges and opportunities** | Jim Hubbard, CBI Head of Regional Policy | * To review the progress of the Industrial Strategy * Explore the challenges and opportunities presented to business and its on the ground impact * Look ahead to the CBI’s priorities for 2019 in making the Industrial Strategy work for business: * Grand Challenges * Local Industrial Strategies * Sector Deals |
| 4.10-4.30pm | **Wrap up and key takeaways** | Henry Aldridge, CBI Head of Trade Associations | * Take any final questions on topics covered * Highlight key learnings and questions for further thought |
| 4.30pm | **Drinks reception** |  |  |