

HEI AUDIT COMMITTEE BREAKFAST SEMINARS - 2020



Seminar format

Dates for seminars in 2020 are:

- Wednesday 6 May 2020 (Birmingham)
- Wednesday 13 May 2020 (London)
- Wednesday 7 October 2020 (Manchester)
- Wednesday 14 October 2020 (London)

All seminars will be delivered by James Aston MBE, Partner and National Head of Education. There is no charge to attend and all materials required will be provided on the day.

The London seminars will take place at 55 Baker Street, London W1U 7EU with registration and breakfast taking place from 7.30am. The seminar will commence at 8.00am and conclude at 9.30am.

The Manchester seminar will take place at 3 Hardman Street, Spinningfields, Manchester M3 3AT. Registration and breakfast will be from 8 am with the seminar commencing at 8.30 am and concluding at 10 am.

The Birmingham seminar will take place at Two Snowhill, Birmingham B4 6GA with registration and breakfast taking place from 8 am. Registration and breakfast will be from 8 am with the seminar commencing at 8.30 am and concluding at 10 am.

Feedback includes:

“The best such event I have attended”

Dame Janet Ritterman Chancellor, Middlesex University

James has run these seminars for over 15 years; over the last three years more than 350 governors have attended from the majority of the UK’s HEIs.

See overleaf for programme and contact details.

Seminar programme

A 1.5 hour seminar covering the following topics:

- Emerging issues / horizon scanning
 - A new government - what's new what's old and what is actually going on!
 - Brexit?
 - Post registration - the OfS, the OfS and the OfS (regulatory tone)
 - Value for money for students and the taxpayer
 - Post Augar, collecting dust or cherry picking
 - Changes to the Terms and Conditions of funding
 - Changes to the accounts direction
 - VC remuneration, reasons, multiples, public interest
 - The next (likely) political intervention - big levers, local impact
- International (UKVI and challenging dynamics)
- WP and Research - tracking the money and government policy
- Apprenticeship Levy and political pressures
- Regular tasks - a 12 month diary under the Ts & Cs of funding for HEIs
- Risk Management - discussing the risk colour palette or real risks?
- CUC Code vs Public Interest Governance Principles (in practice)
- Maximising the effectiveness of resource - management, internal and external audit
- Annual Reporting to the Board - levels of confidence / accountable officer
- Relative roles - the Finance Committee and Financial Statements - who does what and why?
- What are you signing off, why and how?

We look forward to seeing you. Please email zoe.brennan@bdo.co.uk or call 01293 641418 to register your attendance.

