

Westminster eForum policy conference:
Priorities and next steps for the UK drone industry
Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 16th January 2024
*****Taking place online*****



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Henry Smith MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for The Future of Aviation
- 9.05 **Priorities for drone market development and commercialisation - a view from the sector**
Robert Garbett, Chief Executive, Drone Major Group
- 9.15 **'The Future Flight Challenge - successes so far and suggested next steps'**
Gary Cutts, Future Flight Challenge Director, UK Research and Innovation
- 9.25 **Enabling growth of the drone sector - use cases and consumer engagement, funding for research and development, investment, competition and new entrants, and prospects for airspace integration**
Anne-Lise Scaillierez, Chief Executive Officer, ARPAS-UK
Simon Phippard, Of Counsel, Aviation and Aerospace Practice, Bird & Bird
Simon Swan, Global Director - New Mobility & Airport Hubs, Arcadis
Paul Luen, Chief Executive Officer, Coptrz
Elliot Parnham, Chief Executive Officer, Skyfarer
- 9.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.10 **International developments - key trends and markets, opportunities for collaboration, competitive frameworks, and what can be learned for UK regulation and industry practice**
Professor James Scanlan, Professor of Aerospace Design, University of Southampton
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Chair's closing remarks**
Henry Smith MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for The Future of Aviation
- 10.35 Break
- 10.45 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Foster of Oxtoun, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for The Future of Aviation
- 10.50 **'Drones: legal perspectives on future regulation'**
Tom Walker, Senior Associate Barrister, Blake Morgan
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.20 **Innovation, connectivity and opportunities for cross-sector collaboration**
Dave Pankhurst, Director of Drones, BT
- 11.30 **Supporting development of the UK drone sector - safety and security, infrastructure, collaborative options and frameworks for industry and UTM's, building public trust, and guidance on policy and sector ambitions**
Richard Parker, Chief Executive Officer, Altitude Angel
Councillor Keith Artus, Chairman, Strategic Aviation Special Interest Group
John McKenna, Chief Executive Officer, Sees.ai
Fred Harbottle, Chairman, Operational Delivery Committee, Drone Delivery Group
Sarah Smith, Lawyer, Law Commission of England and Wales
- 12.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 **Next steps for policy**
Jenny Ward, Deputy Director, Aviation Strategy, Department for Transport
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster eForum closing remarks**
Baroness Foster of Oxtoun, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for The Future of Aviation
Jessica Lear, Associate Editor, Westminster eForum