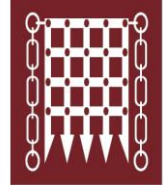


Westminster eForum policy conference:

Next steps for the UK drone industry - policy, regulation, investment, growth and innovation

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Key considerations for regulation and the way forward for scaling up the unmanned aircraft sector**
Sophie O'Sullivan, Director, Future Flight Programme, Civil Aviation Authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Priorities for the drone sector - progressing development, issues for regulation, and fostering optimism about the industry's future**
Dave Pankhurst, Director, Drones, BT
- 9.40 **Supporting development of the UK drone industry**
strategies for streamlining regulation while maintaining safety | assessing the role of the Regulatory Innovation Office | discussing the CAA's SORA update and Pilot Competency scheme | routes to an integrated airspace through industry cooperation | industry needs from a UK Airspace Design Service | supporting investor confidence and the commercialisation of drone operations
Senior representative, airspace innovation
Senior representative, drones operator
Senior representative, investment
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, local government
- 10.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Case study: aligning regulation and sector growth**
Senior commentator
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 **The Future Flight Challenge and next steps for supporting drone sector investment and innovation**
Senior representative, funding
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Assessing the needs of the UK drone industry for innovation and supporting growth**
Robert Garbett, Chief Executive, Drone Major
- 11.40 **Supporting growth of the UK drone sector - investment, research, and innovation**
evaluating existing investment commitments from industry | understanding infrastructure requirements | priorities for supporting additional investment | strategies for supporting new entrants in the industry | exploring future drone applications | priorities for the industry to facilitate research and innovation
Craig Roberts, Technical Lead, Drones, PWC
Senior representative, industry
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, innovation
- 12.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for supporting the UK drone industry**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster eForum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Thomas Howard, Westminster eForum