

Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:

Next steps for the hydrogen industry in the UK

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **The UK hydrogen industry - current state of play**
Professor Aoife Foley, Chair, Net Zero Infrastructure, School of Engineering, University of Manchester
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Growing the hydrogen economy - support mechanisms and increasing demand**
assessing priorities for the June Spending Review | applying funding announced in the 2024 Autumn Budget | setting a framework for policy certainty to attract investment | addressing gaps in consumer incentives for green hydrogen adoption | land use and planning considerations | safety, investment, and allocation of funding | tax incentives and policy measures to stimulate industry transition to hydrogen | contracts for difference as tools for market stability | options for targeted policies to support stable demand | integrating hydrogen into transportation and power generation
Councillor Joy Dennis, Cabinet Member, Highways and Transport, West Sussex County Council
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, hydrogen
Senior representative, heating
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Driving sustainable investment and ESG policies for hydrogen development**
Sophie Fry, Head, ESG Policy Development, Barclays
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 **Delivering hydrogen - infrastructure, supply chain, and workforce strategies for hydrogen deployment**
priorities for development of pipelines, refuelling stations, and storage solutions | integrating hydrogen infrastructure with broader energy strategies | coordination between local and national governments to streamline delivery | resilience and addressing gaps in transportation and distribution networks | the Clean Hydrogen Innovation Programme and tackling supply chain challenges | ensuring coordination and fostering innovation | addressing workforce skills gaps | upskilling and retraining initiatives
Justine Fosh, CEO, Cogent Skills
James Collins, Head, Business Development, ITM Power
Senior representative, energy company
Senior representative, infrastructure
Senior representative, academic
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.15 **Regulatory priorities for the hydrogen industry**
Dr Ruven Fleming, Assistant Professor and Scientific Coordinator, Groningen Centre of Energy Law and Sustainability, University of Groningen
- 12.25 **Priorities for hydrogen infrastructure and policy development**
Jane Toogood, Co-Chair, Hydrogen Delivery Council
- 12.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum