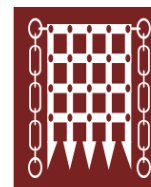


**Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum policy conference:
Next steps for policy on novel foods and alternative proteins in the UK**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 17th December 2024

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Policy priorities and the future for the novel foods sector**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Assessing current issues, opportunities, and future outlook of the novel foods and alternative proteins sector**
Linus Pardoe, Senior UK Policy Manager, Good Food Institute Europe
- 9.40 **Developing the alternative protein industry - opportunities and key considerations for policy going forward**
assessing the direction of new government policy | opportunities for economic development and growth in the agri-food sector | funding priorities and investor confidence | industry role in tackling climate change challenges and improving public health | strategies for increasing consumer acceptance | options for expanding R&D and sector innovation | strategies for incentivising companies to develop and launch products in the UK | unlocking technologies to navigate risks and improve commercial prospects
Robert Jappie, Partner, Fieldfisher
Jen Elford, Head, Policy and External Affairs, The Vegetarian Society
Tim Black, Associate Director, Frontier Economics
Professor Derek Stewart, Co-Director, National Alternative Protein Innovation Centre, The James Hutton Institute
Riley Jackson, Head, Partnerships and Marketing, Ivy Farm Technologies
- 10.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **The future direction of alternative proteins - investment, research and building the sustainable food market**
Senior representative, investment
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 Break
- 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.20 **Latest developments international approaches to novel foods regulation**
Dr Kristi Muldoon Jacobs, Director, Office of Food Chemical Safety, Dietary Supplements, and Innovation, Food and Drug Administration (U.S.)
- 11.30 **Cross-border issues for novel food policy and regulation in the UK**
Ivan Boemer, Solicitor, Legal Directorate, The Scottish Government
Georgina Finch, Senior Policy Advisor, Regulated Products, Food Standards Scotland
- 11.40 **Stakeholder priorities for novel food regulation going forward**
assessing regulatory outlook | navigating the proposed 'sliding scale' for product approval | implications for trade | approaches to managing risk and safety | options for improving speed and efficiency of approvals process | latest thinking on food labelling and product transparency | implications of cross-border regulatory divergence | examining options for food safety metrics and data
Katrina Anderson, Principal Associate, Mills & Reeve
Dr Chris Bryant, Head, Policy, Alternative Proteins Association; and Director, Bryant Research
Helen Grundy, Science Lead, Food Authenticity, Fera
Senior representative, industry
Senior representative, trade
- 12.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Key considerations for the future of novel foods regulation**
Professor Robin May, Chief Scientific Adviser, Food Standards Agency
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Jessica Lear, Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum