Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference: Next steps for renewable energy rollout and planning policy in the UK

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 24th April 2025

Taking place online

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| 8.30 | Registration |
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9.00 Chair's opening remarks

Senior Parliamentarian

9.05 Key policy considerations - planning, infrastructure and renewable energy

Michael Bingham, Deputy Director, Planning Policy, Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government Helena Charlton, Deputy Director, Renewable Electricity Delivery, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero Questions and comments from the floor

9.45 The roadmap to clean energy by 2030 and priorities for stakeholders

objectives and milestones set by NESO and the Clean Power 2030 Action Plan | fast-tracking planning and regulatory approvals for green energy projects without compromising on standards | balancing national energy objectives with local and devolved administration priorities | alignment of policy, regulation and sector action | addressing technical and logistical challenges | priorities for grid modernisation and integration of offshore wind and solar

Senior representative, infrastructure Senior representative, renewables Senior representative, environment Senior representative, legal Senior representative, local authority

Questions and comments from the floor

10.30 Preparing the energy grid for increased renewable capacity

Senior representative, grid
Questions and comments from the floor

10.55 Chair's closing remarks

Senior Parliamentarian

11.00 Break

11.10 Chair's opening remarks

Senior Parliamentarian

11.15 Regulatory priorities for renewable energy and planning

Senior representative, planning Senior representative, energy Questions and comments from the floor

11.55 Next steps for infrastructure implementation and renewables sector development

Senior representative, renewables Senior representative, infrastructure

12.15 Putting in place the enablers for renewables scale-up and a just transition for communities

support for renewables and infrastructure innovation and priorities for technology development | creating a more flexible and responsive framework to accommodate technological advancements in renewable energy | attracting investment and the mix between private and public funding | encouraging community-led energy projects | fostering community support and benefit-sharing in renewable energy projects | addressing the skills shortage in renewable energy sectors | assessing strategies for reskilling and upskilling for roles in renewable energy, including potential apprenticeship and training programmes

Senior representative, communities Senior representative, investment Senior representative, green skills Senior representative, innovation

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