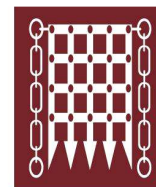


**Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum Keynote Seminar:
The next steps for rail services in the UK - modernisation, accountability and
meeting the needs of users**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 13th June 2019

Venue: Central London



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 - 9.25 **Creating rail industry structures that promote accountability**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 - 10.15 **Examining the priorities for rail users**
Maggie Simpson, Director General, Rail Freight Group
David Sidebottom, Director, Transport Focus
Paul Hirst, Partner, Head of Transport, Addleshaw Goddard
Senior representative, trade union
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 - 10.35 **Next steps for regional transport governance and improving regional network connections**
Tim Wood, Director, Northern Powerhouse Rail, Transport for the North
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 - 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.40 - 11.10 Coffee
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 - 11.45 **Building a rail system to benefit rail users: financial sustainability, restabilising trust and improving performance**
- The future for the funding and regulation of rail services*
Senior speaker to be confirmed
- Implementing a digital signalling system and further electrification on the lines*
Senior speaker to be confirmed
- Assessing the future of the franchise system*
Senior speaker confirmed from **Virgin Trains**
- 11.45 - 12.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 - 12.30 **Developing intelligence and accessibility in the network**
Senior representative, digital
Senior representative, engineering
Senior representative, rolling stock
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **The next phase for the Government's rail strategy**
Peter Wilkinson, Managing Director, Passenger Services, Department for Transport
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum