## Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum Keynote Seminar:

Next steps for the renewable energy industry in the UK - finance, innovation and policy priorities

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019

Venue: Royal Over-Seas League, Over-Seas House, Park Place, St James's Street, London SW1A 1LR

Agenda subject to change

8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee

9.00 - 9.05 Chair's opening remarks

Lord Teverson, Chairman, EU Energy and Environment Sub-Committee

9.05 - 9.15 Reviewing the renewable energy sector in the UK: prospects for growth and challenges ahead

**Dr Robert Gross**, Director, Centre for Energy Policy and Technology and Policy Director, Energy Futures Lab,

Imperial College London

9.15 - 10.20 Addressing market and policy challenges for continued development of the renewable energy industry

Discussion around the priorities for the renewables sector from any future Contracts for Difference auction and the upcoming review of the Capacity Market. With the termination of the Feed-in-Tariff scheme what are the priorities for the development and sustainability of clean energy? How can the sector best promote investor confidence and attract finance from new sources? What more can be done to drive UK leadership in clean energy technology and boost exports post-Brexit? Is there a role for future subsidies in supporting new and developing technologies or as the market matures is it right that this becomes the responsibility of the developer?

Dr Jeremy Leggett, Founder and Director, Solarcentury and Founder and Chair, SolarAid

Barnaby Wharton, Head of Policy, RenewableUK

Jan-Willem Bode, Director, Energy, Navigant

Ross Fairley, Head of Renewable Energy, Burges Salmon

Questions and comments from the floor with **Dr Robert Gross**, Director, Centre for Energy Policy and Technology and Policy Director, Energy Futures Lab, Imperial College London

10.20 - 10.25 Chair's closing remarks

Lord Teverson, Chairman, EU Energy and Environment Sub-Committee

10.25 - 10.55 Coffee

10.55 - 11.00 Chair's opening remarks

Graham Meeks, Head of Policy, Green Investment Group

11.00 - 12.00 <u>Creating the opportunities for sector growth: innovation, skills, and competitiveness</u>

What further measures can be taken to help accelerate innovation in UK renewable energy and support the supply chain, research and business collaboration? How can the sector ensure it has the skills to support growth - does more need to be done to support the high value jobs market? Challenges and opportunities for the development of community-based energy generation - the role of local authorities, how best to engage the local community and what should ownership look like.

Dr Giovanna Speciale, Director, South East London Community Energy

Dr Rebecca Ford, Research Director, Energy Revolution Research Consortium and Researcher, University of Oxford

**Fiona Reilly**, Non Executive Director, Nuclear Industry Association and former Chair, Expert Finance Working Group on Small Reactors

**Rob Saunders**, Interim Challenge Director, Prospering from the Energy Revolution, Innovate UK

Questions and comments from the floor

12.00 - 12.55 Supporting the sector to move forward: next steps for networks, investment and the policy framework

What more needs to be done to support network infrastructure and development to enable greater use of renewables and decentralised energy? What should be the role of the industry when it comes to discussion around wider investment priorities within the Government? How can regulation best support the development of renewable energy - is there a role for rate reform and incentives?

David Fletcher, Associate Director, Energy Efficiency and Social Programmes, Ofgem

David Wright, Director, Electricity Transmission and Group Chief Engineer (Electricity), National Grid

Tim Warham, Shareholder and Mature Renewables, EU Exit, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 - 13.00 Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks

Graham Meeks, Head of Policy, Green Investment Group

 $\textbf{Michael Ryan}, \ \textbf{Deputy Editor}, \ \textbf{Westminster Energy}, \ \textbf{Environment \& Transport Forum}$ 

