Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum Keynote Seminar: Next steps for UK onshore oil and gas: shale development, environmental regulation and opportunities for sector growth

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 4th July 2017
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 - 9.15 The opportunities and geological challenges for shale extraction in the UK
Professor Mike Stephenson, Director of Science and Technology, British Geological Survey

9.15 - 9.25 Assessing the environmental impact of onshore oil and gas production
Professor Frederic Coulon, Professor of Environmental Chemistry and Microbiology, Cranfield University

9.25 - 9.35 Priorities for environmental regulation and minimising risks from development
Mark Ellis-Jones, Project Executive, Onshore Oil & Gas Programme, Environment Agency

9.35 - 9.50 Questions and comments from the floor

Supporting the commercial and environmental sustainability of new projects

9.50 - 10.00 The planning process, site management and assessing the future challenges for exploratory drilling
Rasik Valand, Chief Executive, Third Energy

10.00 - 10.10 Managing shale planning applications: regulator interaction, stakeholder engagement and technical complexity
Senior representative, local government

10.10 - 10.50 Next steps for commercialising shale: planning, environmental compliance and infrastructure
Simon Tilling, Partner, Burges Salmon
Andrew Gunning, Partner, RSKW
Nicola Pitts, Head of Gas Market Change, National Grid, UK System Operator

Questions and comments from the floor with Rasik Valand, Chief Executive, Third Energy and senior representative, local government

10.50 - 10.55 Chair’s closing remarks
Senior Parliamentarian

10.55 - 11.25 Coffee

11.25 - 11.30 Chair’s opening remarks
Senior Parliamentarian

Improving the competitiveness of UK onshore assets

11.30 - 11.40 Opportunities from international development: cooperation, best practice regulation and lessons for the UK
Jim Ellis, President and Chief Executive Officer, Alberta Energy Regulator

11.40 - 11.50 The outlook for investment, exploration and production in the UK onshore sector
Stephen Sanderson, Executive Chairman and Chief Executive, UK Oil and Gas Investments

11.50 - 12.00 Assessing the challenges to unconventional oil and gas: licensing, skills and technical capacity
Ken Cronin, Chief Executive, UKOG

12.00 - 12.10 Encouraging new entrants: regulatory stability, cost control and the global oil market
Senior representative, offshore oil and gas

12.10 - 12.30 Questions and comments from the floor

12.30 - 12.55 Policy priorities for UK onshore oil and gas
James Clarke, Head of Shale Gas, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (subject to Departmental business)

Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 - 13.00 Chair’s and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks
Senior Parliamentarian
Andrew Best, Forum Lead, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum