

Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:

Next steps for active travel in England

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 20th March 2025

Taking Place Online



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Councillor Louise Upton, Cabinet Member for Planning, Oxford City Council
- 9.05 **'Why 2025 is the most important year for active travel in this parliament'**
Stephen Frost, Principal Research Fellow and Head, Transport Policy, Institute for Public Policy Research
- 9.15 **Key considerations for delivering benefits of active travel - targets, funding and public engagement**
Jonny Mood, Director, Transport Value for Money, National Audit Office
- 9.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.45 **Devolution and the way forward for regional active travel policies**
Mark Corbin, Director, Network Resilience, Transport for West Midlands
- 9.55 **Next steps for investment, planning and rolling out infrastructure to encourage active travel uptake**
assessing Budget commitments | strategic direction of funding | addressing concerns about perceived historical underinvestment in active travel | addressing regional disparities in active travel investment | improving consistency of delivery | the place of active travel in the Government's Integrated National Transport Strategy | future role of low traffic neighbourhoods
Dom Smith, Active Travel Lead, Steer
Ralph Smyth, Consultant, Transport Action Network
Stacy Dowding, Technical Director, WSP Group
Councillor Averil Lekau, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate Action, Sustainability and Transport, Royal Borough of Greenwich
Rosie Allen, Policy Advisor, Green Alliance
- 10.20 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Councillor Louise Upton, Cabinet Member for Planning, Oxford City Council
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Jonny Mood, Director, Transport Value for Money, National Audit Office
- 11.00 **The future relationship between modes of active travel and the wider road network**
the future of the National Cycle Network | improving the integration of cycling and walking routes | ensuring fair access for road users and pedestrians | encouraging modal shift towards cycling and walking | tackling safety concerns, public messaging, and increasing the appeal of active travel
Rob Goodall, Global Active Travel Leadership and Decarbonisation Expert, Arup
Tanya Braun, Head, Policy and Communications, Living Streets
Steve Edgell, Chair, Cycle to Work Alliance
Simon O'Brien, Cycling and Walking Commissioner, Liverpool City Region
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **Strategies for advancing the contribution of active travel to wider societal aims**
public health | decarbonisation | reducing social and economic inequalities | improving access for women and those with disabilities | priorities for funding, support and implementation
Professor Rachel Aldred, Professor of Transport and Director, Active Travel Academy, University of Westminster
Councillor Louise Upton, Cabinet Member for Planning, Oxford City Council
Professor Philip Greening, Director, Centre for Sustainable Road Freight, Heriot-Watt University
Bronwen Thornton, CEO, Walk21
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Priorities for active travel in England moving forward**
Graham Grant, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Planning and Development, Active Travel England
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Jonny Mood, Director, Transport Value for Money, National Audit Office
Jessica Lear, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum