

## Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum policy conference:

### Next steps for UK agricultural policy

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024

\*\*\*Taking Place Online\*\*\*



Draft agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentary
- 9.05 **UK agricultural policy and the outlook for addressing key issues facing the sector**  
**James Kane**, Associate, Institute for Government
- 9.15 **Priorities for farmers following updated payment schemes, and effective delivery to secure income streams**  
**Alex Stevens**, Chief Sustainable Supply Chains Adviser, National Farmers Union
- 9.25 **Next steps for supporting the tenant farming sector - key issues for adopting sustainable practices, financing, and future growth**  
**George Dunn**, Chief Executive, Tenant Farmers Association
- 9.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.55 **Next steps for environmental protection in agriculture and implementing sustainable farming practices**  
Senior representative, environmental protection
- 10.05 **Payments and the Agricultural Transition Plan**  
*Opportunities for increasing sector engagement | Priorities for different types of farming and effective scheme uptake | Improving accessibility to education and skills for new practices | Maximising productivity whilst navigating changes to payment systems*  
**Susan Twining**, Chief Land Use Policy Adviser, Country Land and Business Association  
**Stephen Jacob**, Chief Executive, The Institute for Agriculture and Horticulture  
Senior representative, farming  
Senior representative, environment  
Senior representative, legal
- 10.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentary
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentary
- 11.15 **'Government policy, assessing current trends, and options going forward'**  
**Sarah Baker**, Head of Economics, Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board
- 11.25 **Farm strategies for addressing economic challenges - latest thinking and best practice in business planning, holistic farming practices, and adapting to cost and wider commercial pressures**  
**Dr Nerys Llewelyn Jones**, Founder and Partner, Agri Advisor
- 11.35 **Strategies for diversification in agriculture**  
*Short-term options to finance transition to long-term programmes | Alternative income streams | Increasing public footfall and engagement with farms | Optimising under-used sites and commercial letting | Overcoming regulatory challenges | Options for renewable energy and farming*  
**Adam White**, Head of Agriculture, Barclays  
**Professor Paul Burgess**, Professor of Sustainable Agriculture and Agroforestry, Cranfield University  
**Anne Mair-Chapman**, North East Ambassador, LEAF Open Farm Sunday  
Senior representative, farming  
Senior representative, energy
- 12.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Next steps for agricultural policy, support and coordination**  
**Rt Hon Mark Spencer MP**, Minister of State, Food, Farming and Fisheries, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentary  
**Jessica Lear**, Associate Editor, Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum