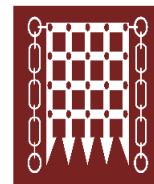


**Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:
The UK's Seventh Carbon Budget - delivery, investment and priorities for key sectors**

Timing: Morning, Monday 7th December 2026

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **The UK's Seventh Carbon Budget - progress, delivery risks, and the pathway towards net zero**
Dr Eoin Devane, Acting Director, Net Zero, Climate Change Committee
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Key considerations for CB7 - investment, accountability, affordability, skills and local capacity**
expectations for the CB7 delivery plan / nearer-term carbon budgets and NDCs / coordination across government, devolved administrations, regulators and local authorities / milestones, indicators, statutory reporting and accountability / risks and contingency planning / investment visibility, project pipelines and allocation of risk / electricity and infrastructure costs and industrial competitiveness / skills, workforce change and supply chain capacity / household cost barriers, targeting support and consumer confidence / local authority capacity, local energy planning, and coordination with networks, housing providers and communities / distribution of costs and benefits
Senior representative, investment
Senior representative, skills
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, environmental policy
Senior representative, consumers
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Investment requirements for CB7 - project readiness, risk and the role of public finance**
Senior representative, public investment
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 **Enablers for sectoral decarbonisation - infrastructure, technology and resource constraints**
electrification, grid connections and flexibility / connection availability, electricity costs and coordinating demand across homes, transport, industry and data centres / deployment and scaling of enabling technologies / industrial electrification, asset-replacement cycles, CCUS and hydrogen / Warm Homes Plan delivery, retrofit quality, property suitability and installation capacity / EV and commercial fleet transition, charging, freight, public transport and active travel / sustainable aviation and maritime fuels, ports and shore power / lower-emissions farming, farm viability, land use and nature recovery / allocation of limited biomass / engineered removals, UK ETS integration, standards and market development / extent of reliance on removals where other routes are constrained
Matt Palmer, Chief Executive, Lower Thames Crossing
Senior representative, carbon removal
Senior representative, nature recovery
Senior representative, AI/data centres
Senior representative, electrification
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 **Carbon pricing, trade and international commitments - CBAM, UK-EU alignment and climate finance**
carbon pricing and industrial policy / UK ETS Phase II cap trajectory and alignment with CB7 / UK ETS costs and changes to free allocation / UK CBAM implementation from January 2027 / business preparedness, compliance and supply chain implications / carbon leakage and effects on trade and industrial competitiveness / EU CBAM implications for UK exporters / UK-EU ETS linkage and implications for carbon costs, trade and investment / international carbon markets / imported and consumption emissions / UK 2035 NDC, Paris Agreement commitments and COP31 developments / International Climate Finance Strategy 2026 / public and private finance for adaptation and mitigation
Senior representative, finance
Senior representative, transport
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, carbon markets
Senior academic - international environmental diplomacy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.45 **Policy priorities for carbon budget delivery - nearer-term commitments and preparation for CB7**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.10 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum