**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*
**Timothy Clement**, Director, Social Value and Sustainability, Morgan Sindall Construction
**Mike Childs**, Head, Science, Policy and Research, Friends of the Earth
Senior representative, investment
Senior representative, local authority
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
**Zoe Quiroz Cullen**, Head, Climate and International Policy, The Wildlife Trusts
**Steve Kelly**, President and General Manager, 1point5
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*
**Sebastien Cross**, Chief Innovation Officer and Co-Founder, BeZero Carbon
Senior representative, finance
Senior representative, transport
Senior representative, legal
Senior academic
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