

Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:

Priorities for climate adaptation and resilience for UK infrastructure

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Strengthening the UK's adaptation objectives - priorities for policy and planning**
Baroness Brown, Chair, Adaptation Committee, Climate Change Committee
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Climate change and finance - mitigating impacts and encouraging investment in adaptation**
assessing climate risk to financial systems | embedding adaptation and resilience into markets | incentivising public and private investment in adaptation measures | learning from the rollout of Taskforce for Climate-Related Financial Disclosures-aligned reporting | data quality, comparability and implications of voluntary reporting | aligning UK regulation with international frameworks | mandating adaptation reporting and setting standards | options for climate-resilient investment and public-private partnerships | options for funding local delivery capacity | longer-term certainty for delivery bodies and supply chains | application of technology to support reporting, risk management and resilience
Senior representative, investment
Senior representative, insurance
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, local authority
- 10.10 **Embedding climate adaptation objectives in governance and regulation**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.40 Break
- 10.50 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 **Improving flood defence and resilience in the UK - understanding risk and utilising data**
Senior representative, regulation
- 11.05 **Addressing the impact of climate change on the built environment and local communities**
assessing climate risk and implications for insurance and affordability | improving flood resilience and delivery of the 10-year flood defence programme | managing coastal erosion and surface water flood risk | addressing overheating and thermal comfort in existing and new housing | implications for retrofit priorities, building standards and health outcomes | improving access to local climate risk data and planning tools | supporting vulnerable communities and social resilience | priorities for existing assets, regeneration and New Towns | resilience of food and farming systems to drought, heat and flooding
Francis Heil, Associate Director, Climate Change and Resilience, AtkinsRéalis
Senior representative, built environment
Senior representative, housing
- 11.20 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **Adaptation strategies across critical sectors - governance, delivery and building resilience into infrastructure**
embedding adaptation objectives into regulated sectors | aligning price controls and investment frameworks with resilience priorities | setting targets and milestones for resilience across sectors | standardising monitoring and reporting of climate risk | addressing interdependencies between sectors and managing systemic risk | coordination and collaboration across infrastructure systems | defining minimum expectations for resilience where sector maturity differs | clarifying accountability and responsibilities across operators and regulators | developing data-sharing protocols | workforce structures, skills and accountability to support delivery | research and innovation priorities to inform strategic approaches
Senior representative, energy
Senior representative, water
Senior representative, digital
Senior representative, transport
- 12.30 **Lessons from NAP3 and priorities for the design and delivery of NAP4**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum