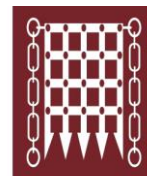


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Next steps for UK climate change policy and the road to COP26 - building adaptation capacity, strategies for net-zero, and priorities for British leadership on climate action

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **UK climate change preparedness - priorities for policymaker and stakeholder action, and key steps for enabling the economy to meet net-zero commitments**
Chris Stark, Chief Executive, Climate Change Committee
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Long-term strategy for building climate adaptation capacity - measures for boosting natural resilience, mitigating environmental degradation, and designing approaches at a local level**
Daniel Johns, Head of Public Affairs, Anglian Water
Polly Billington, Councillor, Hackney Council
Julie Foley, Director, FCRM Strategy & National Adaptation, Environmental Agency
Dr Tim Fox, Chair, Process Industries Division, IMechE
Senior representative, agriculture
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.30 Break
- 10.40 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.45 **Developing pathways to meet decarbonisation commitments in key sectors, and next steps for leveraging engagement across the economy**

What is needed from finance and investment to tackle challenges for achieving net-zero - making action affordable, the public/private funding mix, and supporting investor confidence
Neil Brown, Chief Risk Officer, Earth Capital

Scaling up and expanding low-carbon energy, delivering deep decarbonisation for energy-intensive sectors, and making the UK a leader in renewable technologies
David Acres, Policy and Environment Manager, EDF Energy

Addressing barriers to transport and infrastructure readiness for net-zero - preparing networks for clean mobility, delivering upgrades nation-wide, and managing modernisation costs
Senior representative, transport

Priorities for net-zero strategies on a local and regional level - designing tailored action plans, addressing local needs and risks, and leveraging local stakeholder input
Senior representative, combined authority
- 11.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **The COP26 Summit, and opportunities for global climate action and UK leadership - key steps for policy setting and coordination, fostering economy-wide cooperation, and demonstrating best practice for a clean economic recovery**
Shaun Spiers, Executive Director, Green Alliance
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, consultancy
Senior academic
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Assessing long-term policy needs for climate adaptation readiness, and latest thinking on mechanisms for reaching net-zero by 2050**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Jack Longman, Senior Researcher, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum