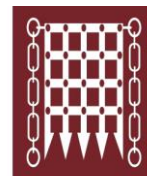


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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Policy priorities for UK-wide heat decarbonisation, scaling up district heating rollout, and achieving long-term goals for heat and energy system modernisation**
David Capper, Director, Clean Heat Directorate, BEIS
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **The business case for heat network expansion, and addressing barriers to infrastructure delivery, material costs, and conventional heat grid integration**
Senior representative, heat network project
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, construction
- 9.55 **Low-carbon heat at the housing and building level - latest thinking on retrofit, decarbonising old stock, improving energy efficiency standards, and utilising emerging energy technologies**
Edward Thompson, Director, ICAX
Senior representative, housing
Senior representative, local authority
- 10.15 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 **Next steps for heat market framework design - standardising entry rules, supporting tariff and stakeholder competition, and boosting attractiveness for investor engagement**
Charlotte Eddington, Investment Director, Abundance Investment
Caroline Bragg, Head of Policy, The Association for Decentralised Energy
Senior representative, energy supply
Senior representative, trade association
Senior representative, consultancy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 **The future for setting appropriate heat and heat network regulation - options for regulator duties and scope, setting enforceable standards, and reducing market complexity**
Senior representative, regulation
- 12.05 **Priorities for boosting consumer protection - modernising property management responsibilities, consumer rights, and the fair distribution of district heating costs**
David Pilling, Head of Policy and Public Affairs - Regulatory Affairs, Ombudsman Services
Senior representative, standards
Senior representative, property association
- 12.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum