Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference
Next steps for decarbonising UK heat and heat networks - expansion, building decarbonisation, consumer protection, and policy and regulatory priorities
Timing: Morning, Thursday, 13th January 2022
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8.30 Registration

9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Dr Alan Whitehead MP, Shadow Minister for Energy and the Green New Deal

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**
Simon Woodward, Chairman, The UK District Energy Association
Craig Anderson, Sustainability Director, Vital Energi
James Horton, Director, Construction & Engineering, Burges Salmon

9.55 Questions and comments from the floor

10.10 **Low-carbon heat at the housing level and widening gas grid connection - latest thinking on retrofit, decarbonising old stock, improving energy efficiency standards, and utilising emerging energy technologies**
Edward Thompson, Director, ICAX
Andy Mackiewicz, Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Climate Change, Planning and Housing, Solihull Council; Managing Director, AMPA Associates
Emily Williams, Associate Director, Residential Research, Savills
Zain Habib, Innovation Programme Delivery Manager, UK Power Networks

10.35 Questions and comments from the floor

10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Dr Alan Whitehead MP, Shadow Minister for Energy and the Green New Deal

10.55 Break

11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Alun Cairns MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Energy Security

11.10 **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
Dr Brian Tilley, Head of Energy Policy, E.ON
Gareth Jones, Managing Director, Fairheat

11.35 Questions and comments from the floor

11.50 Break

11.55 **The future for setting appropriate heat and heat network regulation - options for regulator duties and scope, setting enforceable standards, and reducing market complexity**
Cathryn Scott, Director, Enforcement and Emerging Issues, Ofgem
Questions and comments from the floor

12.15 **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
Stephen Knight, Director, Heat Trust
Michael King, Director, District Energy Development; Chairman, Core Sustainable Heat Management; and Director, Manchester Civic Quarter Heat Network

12.35 Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Alun Cairns MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Energy Security
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum