

**Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference**  
**Growing the hydrogen economy in the UK - policy and market development, commercialisation and scaling up, and readying infrastructure**

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Sir Roger Gale MP, Vice Chair, Hydrogen All-Party Parliamentary Group
- 9.05 **The developing role of hydrogen in the UK energy mix, and priorities for infrastructure and policy**  
James Richardson, Chief Economist, National Infrastructure Commission
- 9.20 **Tackling conversion barriers to hydrogen use across carbon-intensive sectors - repurposing legacy assets, blending clean gas for heat, and working towards net-zero**  
Gunther Newcombe, Former Director of Operations, Oil & Gas Authority & currently Project Coordinator, ORION Project, contracted to Shetland Island Council  
Dr Jenifer Baxter, Director, Innovation and Policy and Head of Protium Wales, Protium Green Solutions
- 9.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.00 Break
- 10.05 **Policy to support hydrogen rollout and a route to deploying 5GW by 2030 - long-term guidance for industry, innovation priorities, and affordability**  
Ross Fairley, Partner, Burges Salmon  
Chris Jackson, Chair, UK Hydrogen & Fuel Cell Association  
Richard Halsey, Director of Capabilities, Energy Systems Catapult
- 10.25 **Establishing the domestic base for hydrogen manufacture - leadership, skills and job creation, and opportunities for regional growth**  
Professor Joe Howe, Executive Director, Thornton Energy Research Institute, University of Chester and Chair, North West Hydrogen Alliance  
Associate Professor Kirstie Simpson, Deputy Dean, Chester Business School  
Mark Knowles, Head of Low Carbon Economy, Liverpool City Region LEP
- 10.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Sir Roger Gale MP, Vice Chair, Hydrogen All-Party Parliamentary Group
- 11:00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Dr Alan Whitehead MP, Shadow Minister for Energy and the Green New Deal
- 11.15 **'Mobilising the domestic hydrogen market - the design of government support for new hydrogen projects and stimulating near term demand'**  
Dr Sarah Deasley, Director, Frontier Economics
- 11.25 **Tackling barriers to cost-effective large-scale hydrogen power generation and supply - carbon gas grids, and preparing networks and energy infrastructure for hydrogen at a local and national level**  
Chris Train, Gas Goes Green Champion, Energy Networks Association
- 11.35 **Contributing to net-zero targets - the role of hydrogen in carbon capture, usage and storage capabilities, and decarbonising energy-intensive facilities**  
Dr Katriona Edlmann, Chancellor's Fellow - Energy, School of Geosciences, University of Edinburgh
- 11.45 **'Aviation opportunities for innovation and hydrogen deployment'**  
Carrie Harris, Head of Sustainability, British Airways
- 11.55 **Overcoming funding barriers to hydrogen-economy projects - de-risking inward investment, allocating risk, and increasing stakeholder confidence**  
Jan-Willem Bode, Partner, Energy, Sustainability, and Infrastructure, Guidehouse
- 12.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **'Ofgem's role in Hydrogen'**  
Michael Wagner, Deputy Director, Gas Networks Price Controls, Ofgem  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**  
Dr Alan Whitehead MP, Shadow Minister for Energy and the Green New Deal  
Jack Longman, Senior Researcher, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum