

## Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:

### Next steps for digitalisation of the UK energy system

Timing: Morning, Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Professor Ron Loveland**, Energy Advisor, Welsh Government
- 9.05 **What is needed for a fully digitalised energy system in the UK**  
**Laura Sandys**, Chair, Energy Digitalisation Taskforce  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Assessing progress on recommendations of the Digitalisation Taskforce**  
*Facilitating the effective integration and management of technologies and assets | Incorporating latest innovation | Overcoming challenges in the uptake of digital technologies and tools*  
**Matthew Billson**, Policy and Market Strategy Director, Piclo Energy  
**Mike Potter**, Chief Executive, DriveElectric; and Chief Executive, CrowdCharge  
**Gavin Starks**, Chief Executive, Icebreaker One  
**Rimshah Javed**, Senior Business Development Manager, Arenko  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Professor Ron Loveland**, Energy Advisor, Welsh Government
- 10.20 Break
- 10.30 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Mushhood Haider**, Energy Transition and Renewables Head, Department for Business and Trade
- 10.35 **Priorities for digitalisation and encouraging competitiveness, interoperability and flexibility**  
*Building capabilities for a smart grid | Fostering collaboration and cooperation in the energy value chain | Impact on market dynamics, sector competition and the power of consumers | Priorities for regulation*  
**Marzia Zafar**, Deputy Director of Governance, Data and Digitalisation, Ofgem  
**Sotiris Georgiopoulos**, Director of Distribution System Operator, UK Power Networks  
**Carolina Tortora**, Head of Digital Transformation and Innovation Strategy, National Grid ESO  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 **Practicalities and logistics of implementing energy system digitalisation**  
*Overcoming challenges in cybersecurity | Data sharing and security | Planning for increasing consumer participation and autonomy | Achieving long-term goals of market flexibility and interoperability*  
**Professor Furong Li**, Director, Centre for Sustainable Power Distribution, University of Bath  
**Dale Geach**, Head of Digitalisation, IoT and Cybersecurity, Siemens  
**Simon Evans**, Global Digital Energy Leader, Arup  
**Marcia Poletti**, Head of European System Change, Octopus Energy  
**Patrick Caiger-Smith**, Chairman, Green Energy Options  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Strategic planning for digitalisation and meeting net zero targets**  
**James Morgan**, Head of Energy Digitalisation, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**  
**Mushhood Haider**, Energy Transition and Renewables Head, Department for Business and Trade  
**Holly Attwell**, Senior Researcher, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum