

Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference
Next steps for innovation and research in the UK energy sector

Timing: Morning, Friday, 8th October 2021

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Ravensdale, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Energy Studies
- 9.05 **Policy priorities for supporting innovation in energy technology**
Matthew Billson, Deputy Director, Energy Innovation - Strategy and Portfolio and Co-Lead, £1bn Net Zero Innovation Portfolio and Advanced Nuclear Fund, BEIS
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 Break
- 9.40 **Key issues for workforce development, and ensuring the UK has the skills to compete on the international stage**
Senior representative, skills
- 9.50 **Developing research partnerships, encouraging cross sector collaboration, and supporting the development of innovative energy technologies, systems and products**
Graham Oakes, Independent Consultant, Formerly Founder, Upside Energy
Dr Fiona Rayment, Chief Science and Technology Officer, National Nuclear Laboratory
Senior representative, research body
Senior representative, university
Senior representative, legal
- 10.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Ravensdale, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Energy Studies
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 **Examining the scope and potential of innovation across the UK energy sector, and opportunities for enabling a nation-wide 'green industrial revolution'**
Philip New, Chief Executive Officer, Energy Systems Catapult
- 11.10 **Priorities for decarbonising energy network infrastructure, and preparing national capacity for decentralised energy assets**
Iliana Portugues, Head of Innovation, Electricity Transmission, National Grid
- 11.20 **Driving regional growth and a green economic recovery - nurturing industrial and research hubs, capitalising on regional skills and expertise, and supporting commercialisation**
Senior representative, heavy industry
Senior representative, local authority
- 11.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 Break
- 11.50 **Promoting innovation across key sectors - investment, skills, supporting the application of research, and driving progress in meeting UK net-zero targets**
Humphrey Cadoux-Hudson, Managing Director, Nuclear Development, Sizewell C

Dr Biljana Stojkovska, Innovation Manager, National Grid ESO

Dr Nina Skorupska, Chief Executive, The Association for Renewable Energy and Clean Technology
Senior representative, investment
Senior representative, heat
- 12.40 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