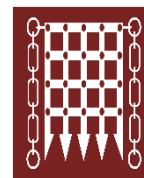


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Next steps for energy storage policy, regulation and market development in the UK**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **The role of energy storage in the UK's clean energy transition - key policy priorities**
Gavin O'Leary, Head, Electricity Storage, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
Questions and comments from floor
- 9.30 **The long-duration energy storage cap and floor scheme - implementation, stakeholder preparedness, technology, and infrastructure developments**
evaluating the framework's design | strategic, policy, and regulatory considerations | fostering investor confidence, while managing consumer costs | assessing implications of eligibility criteria, application processes, and deployment timelines | achieving a balance in incentives for innovation and established technologies | implications of proposed planning reforms on energy storage deployment and grid integration | changes to land acquisition and local authority powers | new environmental compensation measures and storage site approvals
Stephen Crosher, CEO, RheEnergise
Martin Scargill, Managing Director, Centrica Energy Storage+
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, planning
Questions and comments from floor
- 10.20 **Priorities for environmental protection and the integration of battery storage into emissions and waste strategies**
Senior representative, environment
- 10.30 **UK-wide development in energy storage and lessons from Scotland**
James Basden, Founder Director, Zenobē
- 10.40 Questions and comments from floor
- 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 Break
- 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.20 **Investment and funding - the role of the National Wealth Fund in supporting long-term storage**
Adam Whitehead, Head, Net Zero Policy, National Wealth Fund
Questions and comments from floor
- 11.40 **Encouraging innovation, public engagement, effective scale-up and international leadership**
assessing the future mix of established technology, including pumped hydro and emerging alternatives such as liquid air and flow batteries | priorities for R&D in improving efficiency and cost-effectiveness | options for supporting commercialisation of new technologies | addressing local concerns regarding safety, noise, and added pressure on local infrastructure | transparency in consultation and equitable sharing of benefits | priorities for the Office for Clean Energy Jobs | support for UK-based supply chains and regional economic development | integration of storage priorities within broader industrial strategy frameworks | strategic approaches to positioning the UK as a global leader in energy storage innovation | addressing supply chain risks, including ethical sourcing of critical minerals | alignment of domestic policy with the COP29 Global Energy Storage and Grids Pledge | opportunities for investment and technology exports
Professor David Stone, Professor, Electrical Engineering, University of Sheffield
Senior representative, renewables
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, skills
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from floor
- 12.30 **Future priorities for energy storage, electrification, and clean power**
Okon Enyenihi, Head, LDES Policy, Ofgem
Questions and comments from floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum