

Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:

Next steps for energy system flexibility

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentary
- 9.05 **Strategic priorities for energy flexibility and resilience - Clean Power 2030, Clean Flexibility Roadmap and wider policy objectives**
Duncan Stone, Deputy Director, Electricity System Flexibility, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (subject to confirmation)
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **The role of retail innovation and smart tariffs in enabling flexibility**
Rachel Fletcher, Director, Regulation and Economics, Octopus Energy
- 9.40 **Priorities for consumers, transition and equitable access**
Gillian Cooper, Director of Energy, Citizens Advice
- 9.50 **Key considerations for policy, regulation and network planning**
implications of government strategies and regulatory changes | effects on network capacity and supply security | alignment of network plans with clean energy targets | role of the Strategic Spatial Energy Plan and Central Strategic Network Plan | updates to National Policy Statements for energy infrastructure | addressing barriers to flexibility market participation | improving access for new entrants and storage providers | updates to the Renewable Energy Guarantees of Origin scheme
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, infrastructure
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, environment
Senior academic
- 10.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Digitalisation, regulation and governance in flexibility markets**
Marzia Zafar, Deputy Director, Governance, Data and Digitalisation, Ofgem
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.15 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentary
- 11.20 Break
- 11.30 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentary
- 11.35 **Opportunities for decentralisation and consumer-led flexibility**
Sarah Honan, Head, Policy, Association for Decentralised Energy
- 11.45 **Implementation and putting in place key enablers - innovation, infrastructure, clean generation, supply chain and the workforce**
transmission upgrades | planning processes and local authority roles | integration of hydrogen, biogas and low-emission generation | long-duration storage funding and blended finance | workforce development and skills to meet projected demand | cross-border interconnection priorities | advancing flexibility technologies and services | investment and government support for pilots and trials | battery development and recycling | embedding circular economy and resilience standards | opportunities for scaling and investment across the supply chain
Dr Alex Buckman, Innovative Solutions Architect, Flexibility, Energy Systems Catapult
Senior representative, finance
Senior representative, storage
Senior representative, skills
Senior representative, supply chain
- 12.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.45 **Coordinating delivery and the way forward for low-carbon energy system transition**
Senior representative, system planning and operation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.10 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentary
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum