

**Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference**  
**The future for environmental standards and next steps for the Office for Environmental Protection**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Baroness McIntosh of Pickering**, Co-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Water Group
- 9.05 **Interim operation of the OEP, latest thinking on activities so far, and steering the Office to full legislative establishment and authority**  
**Dame Glenys Stacey**, Chair, Office for Environmental Protection  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 Break
- 9.40 **The Environment Bill and priorities for implementing OEP powers - enforcement, independence, and monitoring progress**  
  
*Ensuring arms-length independence and that the OEP has the powers to secure environmental compliance*  
Senior representative, legal  
  
*How can challenges around the setting and enforcement of standards be addressed*  
**Professor Liz Fisher**, Professor of Environmental Law, University of Oxford  
  
*Priorities for long-term UK environmental protection and restoration targets and what will be needed from policymakers to underpin OEP governance into the future*  
**Ruth Chambers**, Senior Parliamentary Affairs, Associate, Green Alliance
- 10.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Baroness McIntosh of Pickering**, Co-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Water Group
- 10.35 Break
- 10.45 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Deidre Brock MP**, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on the Environment
- 10.50 **The current scope of environmental regulation and options for strengthening rules around industry conduct**  
**Sir James Bevan**, Chief Executive, Environment Agency  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.20 **The focus going forward for environmental standards in the UK - pollution and emissions, sustainability, and ecosystem regeneration**  
**Alan Law**, Deputy Chief Executive, Natural England
- 11.40 **Sector views on meeting long-term environmental challenges and priorities for environmental stewardship - ecosystem service protections, adapting to climate threats, and setting fair targets for stakeholders**  
**Jason Reeves**, Head of Policy, Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management  
**Daniel Johns**, Head of Public Affairs, Anglian Water  
**Beccy Speight**, Chief Executive, RSPB  
**Ece Ozdemiroglu**, Founding Director, Eftec  
**Dr Diane Mitchell**, Chief Environment Adviser, National Farmers Union  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 Break
- 12.25 **Working toward goals of the 25 Year Environment Plan, progress on objectives so far, and opportunities for the OEP to help guide the way forward**  
**Debbie Stockwell**, Joint Head of 25 Year Environment Plan Policy Team, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**  
**Deidre Brock MP**, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on the Environment  
**Michael Ryan**, Deputy Editor, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum