

Westminster Business Forum policy conference:

Next steps for growth in the UK FinTech sector

Timing: Morning, Friday, 22nd May 2026

Taking place online



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Key developments in the UK FinTech landscape and priorities for supporting firms**
Jasmin De Freitas, Manager, FinTech/RegTech Intelligence, Innovation, Financial Conduct Authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Assessing the regulatory conditions needed to support innovation and growth in the FinTech ecosystem**
smart data provisions in the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025 | testing through the Smart Data Accelerator | scale-up regulation and ScaleUp Unit priorities | regulatory engagement and early interventions for firms | cross-regulatory coordination and clarity of supervisory expectations | supporting innovation alongside consumer protection | Financial Services Growth and Competitiveness Strategy implementation | commercial models and liability allocation for expanded data sharing | the Payments Forward Plan and payments oversight | implications of the EU Digital Operational Resilience Act for UK firms | sequencing and coordination of multiple regulatory initiatives as policy moves from strategy into delivery
Senior representative, industry
Senior representative, SME
Senior representative, regulation
Senior representative, legal
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Next steps for development of a regulatory regime for cryptoassets in the UK**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 **Key considerations for consumer protection - emerging products, financial inclusion, and consumer understanding**
Senior representative, consumers
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Innovation, commercial opportunities, and the development of Smart Data and open finance**
Senior representative, data
- 11.40 **Practical steps for supporting start-ups, scale-ups, and high-growth companies - investment, skills, and regional development**
access to early stage and growth capital including pathways to scale through PISCES and private markets | strengthening regional FinTech clusters, mayoral funds and local investment ecosystems | tackling barriers to international expansion and attracting inward investment | commercialisation and market access for emerging firms | improving digital and data skills across the FinTech workforce | procurement and partnership opportunities | strengthening collaboration between research and industry | AI Champion and cluster champions programmes | insights from regional mapping exercises | sector readiness for cybersecurity threats and projects to close resilience gaps | conditions for UK firms to scale and compete internationally
Senior representative, FinTech
Senior representative, investment
Senior representative, regions
Senior representative, capital market
- 12.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for the UK's FinTech sector**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Thomas Howard, Westminster Business Forum