

Westminster Business Forum policy conference:
Next steps for UK FinTech - policy, regulation, growth and industrial strategy
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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord McNicol, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Financial Technology
- 9.05 **Assessing the UK FinTech landscape and priorities going forward**
Professor Markos Zachariadis, Greensill Chair, Financial Technology and Information Systems, Alliance Manchester Business School, University of Manchester
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **The future for the oversight and regulation of open banking**
Senior representative, regulator
- 9.40 **Key considerations for open finance and data-sharing in the FinTech ecosystem**
next steps after the completion of the CMA Open Banking Roadmap | regulatory priorities | future for data-sharing in the financial services | implications of measures in the Data (Use and Access) Bill | FinTech-based payments infrastructures | the role of digital ID
Fiona Ghosh, Partner, Digital Economy Transactions, Ashurst LLP
Ouliana Smith, Senior Research Analyst, Financial Services, Omdia
Paul Worthington, Head, UK Public Policy and Government Relations, Stripe
Senior representative, open banking
- 10.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Progress and next steps for regulatory structures and streamlining**
Janine Hirt, CEO, Innovate Finance; and Co-Chair, Unicorn Council for UK FinTech
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord McNicol, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Financial Technology
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 **Priorities for increasing diversity in the FinTech workforce**
Anna Lane, CEO, The Wisdom Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 **Key developments in innovation, priorities for R&D and next steps for leveraging emerging technologies**
Senior representative, technology
- 11.45 **Addressing key challenges in the sector**
options for tackling payments fraud | safe deployment of AI and ensuring innovation is beneficial | strategies for supporting scale-up of new entrants | opportunities for growth and attracting inward investment | assessing financial incentives and tax relief
Katie Ramsey, Head, FinTech, Department for Business and Trade
Rory Tanner, Head, UK Government Affairs and Public Policy, Revolut
Andrew Churchill, Cyber Security Researcher, Technology Strategy
Sal Melki, Head, Illicit Threat, National Crime Agency
Maria Vidler, Chief Customer Officer, Starling Bank
- 12.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for UK FinTech**
Patrick Keenan, Head, FinTech Policy, HM Treasury
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Business Forum