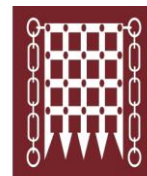


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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Freeport implementation in the UK - progress, priorities, and next steps**  
**Richard Ballantyne**, Chief Executive, British Ports Authority  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Key issues for Freeport development - the experience so far, support, and tax policy**  
**Ben Houchen**, Elected Mayor, Tees Valley Combined Authority  
**Paul Maliphant**, UK Freeport Account Leader, Mott Macdonald  
Senior representative, ports  
Senior representative, Freeport partner organisation  
Senior representative, taxation  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Priorities for wider UK port operations - UK-EU trade rules, minimising commerce and supply chain friction, and the scope for smart port modernisation**  
**Peter Neville-Jones**, Technical Director, AECOM  
Senior representative, legal  
Senior representative, freight  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.10 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 Break
- 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.30 **Freeport policy across the UK nations - devolved government priorities, caveats and key issues, and UK-wide cooperation**  
Senior representative, Scotland  
Senior representative, Wales  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **Learning from established Freeports**  
Senior representative, international
- 11.55 **Making a success of Freeports and extending benefits across UK ports - growth opportunities, putting in place safeguards, and wider economic and environmental impact**  
**Lucy Hudson**, Principal Policy Officer, Freight and Logistics, Transport for the North  
**Catherine Barnard**, Professor of European Union and Labour Law, University of Cambridge  
**Richard Gutsell**, Client Director, Borders, Identity and the Digital Economy, Atkins
- 12.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Next steps for Freeports policy and development and the role of the Freeports Director**  
Senior representative, policy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Michael Ryan**, Deputy Editor, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum