

Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference
Next steps for Freeports in the UK - priorities for implementation, extending the benefits across the nations, and wider UK port operations

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 5th April 2022

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Mountevans, Joint Deputy Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Maritime and Ports Group
- 9.05 **Freeport implementation in the UK - progress, priorities, and next steps**
Richard Ballantyne, Chief Executive, British Ports Association
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 Break
- 9.30 **Case study - preparations and next steps for Liverpool freeport implementation**
John Lucy, Freeport Director, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority
- 9.40 **Key issues for freeport development and priorities for wider UK port operations - lessons learned so far, governance and accountability, and the role of freeports in regeneration and tackling regional disparities**
Tim Morris, Chief Executive Officer, UK Major Ports Group
Ben Houchen, Elected Mayor, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Kim Yates, Technical Principal, Sustainability, Mott MacDonald
Peter Mason, Partner, Addleshaw Goddard
Alexandra Herdman, Public Policy Manager, Logistics UK
- 10.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Mountevans, Joint Deputy Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Maritime and Ports Group
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Tim Morris, Chief Executive Officer, UK Major Ports Group
- 11.10 **Green Freeports in Scotland - devolved government priorities, caveats and key issues, and UK-wide cooperation**
Ivan McKee MSP, Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise, Scottish Government (pre-recorded contribution)
- 11.25 Break
- 11.30 **UK Government policy priorities for freeports**
Iain Stewart MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Minister for Scotland, Scotland Office
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 **'Port of Antwerp - a different perspective'**
Justin Atkin, Representative UK & Ireland, Port of Antwerp; Managing Director, Ragged Edge Consulting; and Non-Executive Director, Portico Shipping
- 12.05 **Making a success of freeports and extending benefits across UK ports - growth opportunities, putting in place safeguards, and assessing long-term economic impact**
Catherine Barnard, Professor of European Union and Labour Law, University of Cambridge
Richard Gutsell, Client Director, Borders, Identity and the Digital Economy, Atkins
Steve Roberts, Associate Director, Ports & Marine, AECOM
Rosa Crawford, Policy Officer, Rights, International, Social and Economics Department, Trades Union Congress
- 12.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Tim Morris, Chief Executive Officer, UK Major Ports Group
Katie Adams, Researcher, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum