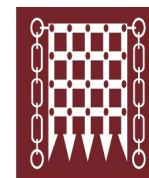


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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Berkeley, Secretary, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Rail, and Vice-President, ALLRAIL
- 9.05 **Priorities for reforming the UK rail system and recommendations from the Williams Rail Review - new commercial models, improving financial sustainability, and delivering value for passengers**
Martin Tugwell, Programme Director, England's Economic Heartland, and President, Chartered Institute for Highways and Transportation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 Break
- 9.30 **Designing a user-first service and improving the passenger experience**
Progress on delay and repay and enhancing consumer protection - industry accountability, improving operator services, and setting guidance for safe journeys post COVID
Anthony Smith, Chief Executive, Transport Focus
Performance, reliability, and the future of commercial train services - enhancing frequency, connectivity between cities, and the expansion of modern rolling stock
Stewart Fox-Mills, Director, Commercial, Abellio
Latest thinking on nationalising UK rail operations and restoring efficient services
Professor Chris Nash, Research Professor, Institute for Transport Studies, University of Leeds
- 10.00 **COVID-19 disruption, resuming rail services, and addressing safety challenges - controlling limited capacity, designing social distancing, and protecting the health of passengers, staff and operators**
Ann Metherall, Partner, Burges Salmon
Mick Whelan, General Secretary, ASLEF
Questions and comments from the floor with **Anthony Smith**, Chief Executive, Transport Focus; **Stewart Fox-Mills**, Director, Commercial, Abellio, and **Professor Chris Nash**, Research Professor, Institute for Transport Studies, University of Leeds
- 10.30 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Berkeley, Secretary, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Rail, and Vice-President, ALLRAIL
- 10.35 Break
- 10.45 **Chair's opening remarks**
Suzanne Webb MP
- 10.50 **Developing a rail network fit for modern infrastructure, industry and passenger requirements**
Delivering new rail infrastructure in the UK and unlocking capacity - relieving congestion, enhancing regional connectivity, and enabling new rolling stock on the tracks
Paul McMahon, Managing Director, System Operator, Network Rail
Expanding the business case of rail freight on the UK network - minimising commerce delays, decarbonising trade, and supporting industry and logistics
Maggie Simpson, Director General, Rail Freight Group
Latest thinking on track and train arrangements and improving financial sustainability
Phil Bulman, Partner, Vendigital
Planning for long-term network operation - building up domestic supply chains, and rail electrification for efficiency and low-carbon journeys
Kate Jennings, Policy Director, Railway Industry Association
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 Break
- 12.05 **Creating a digital railway for passengers and the network - data, improving signalling, and cost reduction**
Neil Connor, Client Executive, Public Transport, Fujitsu
David Milburn, Director, Command and Control Systems, WSP
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **'A more integrated railway - the role of ORR'**
John Larkinson, Chief Executive Officer, Office of Rail and Road
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Suzanne Webb MP
Jack Longman, Senior Researcher, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum