

Westminster Media Forum policy conference:

The future for the UK gambling sector

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 24th April 2025

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Alex Ballinger MP
- 9.05 **Key considerations for the UK gambling sector in balancing economic growth and consumer protection**
Professor Joht Chandan, Clinical Professor, Public Health, University of Birmingham
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Early indications of the impact of the statutory levy on the gambling harms ecosystem**
Mark Weiss, Deputy CEO, GamCare
- 9.45 **Stakeholder views on the implementation of the statutory levy and next steps**
strategies for coordination between government departments, regulators, and industry | priorities for the Gambling Levy Programme Board | assessing impacts on stakeholders of varying scales | further support needed for the gambling harms ecosystem | way forward for creating maximum impact | access to funding | priorities for ensuring transparency
Richard Williams, Partner, Keystone Law
Professor Agnes Nairn, Co-Director, Bristol Hub for Gambling Harms Research
Senior representative, health
Senior representative, industry
- 10.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Assessing the impact of gambling policy reform on operators and consumers**
Senior representative, regulation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Alex Ballinger MP
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Bakewell of Hardington Mandeville, Vice Chair, Peers for Gambling Reform
- 11.15 **The way forward for responsible growth in the gambling sector - innovation in the new regulatory and legislative environment**
Senior representative, industry
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Gambling sector sustainability - policy and regulation, innovation, and consumer protection**
future of gambling advertising | strategies for addressing concerns around youth exposure | options for promoting industry competitiveness | tackling unlicensed operators and the black market | assessing the future balance between regulation and economic growth | opportunities for harnessing innovation to protect against harms | the role of digital identities and age verification tools | early indications on the impact of white paper reforms
Charles Cohen, CEO, Department of Trust
Shahriar Coupal, Director, Advertising Standards Authority
Charlie Leach, Director, Alvarez and Marsal
Senior representative, industry
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Priorities for gambling policy in the UK**
Sarah Fox, Deputy Director, Gambling and Lotteries, Department for Culture, Media and Sport
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Media Forum closing remarks**
Baroness Bakewell of Hardington Mandeville, Vice Chair, Peers for Gambling Reform
Thomas Howard, Westminster Media Forum