Westminster Employment Forum and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference: Next steps for developing green skills and clean energy employment opportunities in England

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 27th January 2025

Taking Place Online

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8.30 Registration

9.00 Chair's opening remarks

Senior Parliamentarian

9.05 <u>Developing green skills and clean energy employment opportunities in England - key issues for policy, funding, and implementation</u>

Giulia Marzetti, Manager, Climate and Sustainability, Deloitte; and European Climate Pact Ambassador, European Commission

9.15 Assessing the Clean Energy Jobs Plan - priorities for developing investment, infrastructure, and meeting industry needs

alignment with the Modern Industrial Strategy and the 2025 Spending Review | priorities for funding and certainty for stakeholders | clean energy workforce planning and investment in training | integration with Local Skills Improvement Plans | coordinating national and local investment in facilities and provision | role of the Growth and Skills Levy in employer-led training | development of clean energy Technical Excellence Colleges | coordination between Skills England, the Office for Clean Energy Jobs, and devolved administrations | developing homegrown talent and reducing reliance on international recruitment | ensuring fair pay, conditions, and union engagement under the Plan | building consistent metrics and data-sharing frameworks to monitor delivery, quality, and regional outcomes

Senior representative, employers Senior representative, local authority

Senior representative, awarding body

9.35 Questions and comments from the floor

10.00 Identifying workforce priorities in the green economy

Senior representative, employer Questions and comments from the floor

10.25 Chair's closing remarks

Senior Parliamentarian

10.30 Break

10.40 Chair's opening remarks

Senior Parliamentarian

10.45 Priorities for improving job quality, inclusion, and transition in the green economy

Senior representative, union

10.55 Next steps for progression pathways, workforce transitions, and widening participation

developing progression routes for the clean energy workforce | targeted reskilling and upskilling, including support for transitions from oil and gas, and other legacy sectors | maintaining fair work standards and income stability | expanding the Energy Skills Passport to nuclear and electricity networks | promoting cross-sector mobility and technical recognition frameworks | improving diversity, inclusion, and access for underrepresented groups | strengthening schemes for veterans, ex-offenders, and unemployed adults | improving the use of workforce data to track uptake, completion, and progression | balancing homegrown pipeline development with international recruitment dependencies Senior representative, FE

Senior representative, HE

Senior representative, employer

Senior representative, local authority

11.15 Questions and comments from the floor

11.40 <u>Devolution and the role of combined authorities in green skills development</u>

Senior representative, combined authority

11.50 Assessing regional strategies, employer engagement, and long-term planning

integrating green skills priorities into local growth and skills plans | aligning LSIPs with regional energy-system planning and retrofit delivery capacity | coordination between devolved and national strategies, including alignment with the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill | embedding workforce and Fair Work Charter criteria in public grants and contracts | training provision to meet local labour market demand | addressing regional variation, scalability and collaboration through joint funding schemes | fostering innovation, digital capability, and SME participation in regional labour markets | developing consistent indicators for monitoring regional outcomes and performance

Maria Gonella, Managing Partner, Quantum Group

Senior representative, local authority

Senior representative, employer

Senior commentator

12.10 Questions and comments from the floor

12.30 Policy priorities for addressing local and national skills gaps in clean energy

Senior speaker confirmed from **Office for Clean Energy Jobs, DESNZ**

Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 Chair's and Westminster Forum Projects closing remarks

Senior Parliamentarian

Sean Cudmore, Westminster Forum Projects

