

## Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:

### Next steps for the hydrogen industry in the UK

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 22<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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*Draft agenda, subject to change*

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **The UK hydrogen industry - current state of play**  
**Professor Aoife Foley**, Chair, Net Zero Infrastructure, School of Engineering, University of Manchester  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Growing the hydrogen economy - support mechanisms and increasing demand**  
*assessing priorities for the June Spending Review | applying funding announced in the 2024 Autumn Budget | setting a framework for policy certainty to attract investment | addressing gaps in consumer incentives for green hydrogen adoption | land use and planning considerations | safety, investment, and allocation of funding | tax incentives and policy measures to stimulate industry transition to hydrogen | contracts for difference as tools for market stability | options for targeted policies to support stable demand | integrating hydrogen into transportation and power generation*  
**Councillor Joy Dennis**, Cabinet Member, Highways and Transport, West Sussex County Council  
**Alex Minhinick**, Partner, Burges Salmon  
**Chris Galpin**, Policy Advisor, UK Energy Team, E3G  
**Matt Barney**, Chief Hydrogen Officer, GeoPura  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Driving sustainable investment and ESG policies for hydrogen development**  
**Sophie Fry**, Head, ESG Policy Development, Barclays  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Rt Hon Lord Callanan**, former Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (2020-23); Vice-Chair, APPG for Renewable and Sustainable Energy; and Vice-Chair, APPG for Net Zero
- 11.05 **Delivering hydrogen - infrastructure, supply chain, and workforce strategies for hydrogen deployment**  
*priorities for development of pipelines, refuelling stations, and storage solutions | integrating hydrogen infrastructure with broader energy strategies | coordination between local and national governments to streamline delivery | resilience and addressing gaps in transportation and distribution networks | the Clean Hydrogen Innovation Programme and tackling supply chain challenges | ensuring coordination and fostering innovation | addressing workforce skills gaps | upskilling and retraining initiatives*  
**Justine Fosh**, CEO, Cogent Skills  
**James Collins**, Head, Business Development, ITM Power  
**Professor Timothy Mays**, Professor, Chemical and Materials Engineering, University of Bath  
**Geoff Darch**, Water Resources Strategy Manager, Anglian Water  
Senior representative, energy company  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.15 **Regulatory priorities for the hydrogen industry**  
**Dr Ruven Fleming**, Assistant Professor and Scientific Coordinator, Groningen Centre of Energy Law and Sustainability, University of Groningen
- 12.25 **Priorities for hydrogen infrastructure and policy development**  
**Jane Toogood**, Co-Chair, Hydrogen Delivery Council
- 12.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**  
**Rt Hon Lord Callanan**, former Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (2020-23); Vice-Chair, APPG for Renewable and Sustainable Energy; and Vice-Chair, APPG for Net Zero  
**Sean Cudmore**, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum