

Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:

Next steps for infrastructure finance and development

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Key issues and policy considerations for infrastructure finance and development**
Professor Nuno Gil, Professor of New Infrastructure Development and Director, Infrastructure Development Research Group, University of Manchester
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Optimising the National Wealth Fund to finance future infrastructure and next steps for policy**
Joel Kenrick, Deputy Director, Policy and Strategy, UK Infrastructure Bank
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.55 **Priorities for financing future infrastructure projects**
public-private sector partnerships moving forward | fostering increased private sector investment | potential changes to the regulatory environment required to unlock infrastructure investment | achieving value for money | optimal timing of public sector investment | the role of infrastructure finance in boosting growth
Matthew Rees, Director, National Audit Office
James Taylor, Head, Infrastructure and Project Finance, Lloyds Bank
Gareth Davies, Project Director, Mott MacDonald
Andrew Devaney, Assistant Director, Investment, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority
Senior representative, legal
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 **Cost-effective delivery of infrastructure projects - improving UK performance and delivery**
Julia Prescott, Deputy Chair, National Infrastructure Commission
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Financing and delivering the transition to net zero**
Julie Taylor, Director, Commercial, Regulation and Supply Chain, National Grid
- 11.40 **Repurposing of finance from HS2 and priorities for mass-transit infrastructure moving forward**
Senior representative, mass-transit transport
- 11.50 **Next steps for managing and delivering efficient projects and closing the infrastructure gap**
streamlining the delivery process for critical infrastructure | unlocking economic growth | the impact of planning reform proposals | aligning infrastructure delivery with other sectors such as transport, environment and energy | improving efficiency | reducing delays | improving UK competitiveness
David Whitmore, Strategic Advisor, MIGSO-PCUBED
Senior speaker confirmed from **Institution of Civil Engineers**
Senior representative, innovation
Senior representative, construction
- 12.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for financing and delivering infrastructure projects**
Alicia Ford, Deputy Director, National Infrastructure Planning, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum