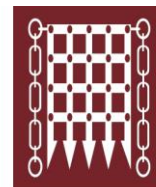


Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference
Next steps for local and community energy in the UK - project development, market growth, infrastructure, and the contribution to a clean economic recovery

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Wera Hobhouse MP, Former Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Energy and Climate Change
- 9.05 **Priorities for local and community energy projects - support, expansion, and policy to reduce barriers**
Emma Bridge, Chief Executive Officer, Community Energy England
- 9.20 **Developing smart and local energy systems - latest progress on flagship projects across the UK**
Rob Saunders, Deputy Challenge Director, Prospering from the Energy Revolution, Innovate UK
- 9.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.50 Break
- 9.55 **Overcoming commercial challenges for local projects - opportunities presented by the Local Electricity Bill, designing effective strategies, building partnerships, and updating the local supplier license regime**
Eric Brown, Chief Technology Officer, Energy Systems Catapult
Camilla Usher-Clark, Partner, Burges Salmon
Rupert Blackstone, Director, Wattcraft and Chair, Energy, Environment and Sustainability Group, IMechE
Chris Hewett, Chief Executive, Solar Trade Association
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Wera Hobhouse MP, Former Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Energy and Climate Change
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Ben Lake MP, Plaid Cymru Spokesperson at Westminster for the Economy, Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, Education, Skills, Health, Communities, Local Government and DCMS
- 11.05 **Community energy project development and the contribution to locally-led economic growth and recovery**
Rolling out energy efficiency modernisation, overcoming physical installation challenges, and the impact of the Green Homes Grant
Jade Lewis, Chief Executive, Sustainable Energy Association
Best practice for supporting and investing in local and community energy projects in the UK
Philip Bazin, Environment Team Manager, Triodos Bank UK
Scaling up public partnerships and the delivery of local clean capacity - supporting local developers, the supply of local power, and reducing consumer costs
Michael Wayne Bexton, Head of Energy Services, Nottingham City Council
- 11.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Infrastructure that meets the needs of local energy systems - flexibility, adding distributed resources, and closer integration with local networks**
Helen Seagrave, Community Energy Manager, Electricity North West
- 11.50 **Routes to market for community energy - reducing barriers, innovation in tariffs, and achieving competitive rates of return**
Clementine Cowton, Director, External Affairs, Octopus Energy
- 12.00 **Regulatory reform - options for a whole-systems approach that supports local and community engagement**
Senior representative, regulation
- 12.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for expanding local and community energy projects in the UK - market incentives, funding for innovative schemes, and supporting the local net-zero transition**
Patrick Allcorn, Head of Local Energy, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Ben Lake MP, Plaid Cymru Spokesperson at Westminster for the Economy, Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, Education, Skills, Health, Communities, Local Government and DCMS
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum