Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:
Next steps for natural capital in England - decision-making, investment and markets
Timing: Morning, Thursday, 14th January 2027
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8.30 Registration

9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian

9.05 **Natural capital in economic decision-making - fiscal policy, funding and appraisal frameworks**
Senior economist
Questions and comments from the floor

9.30 **Assessing England's natural capital - evidence and baselines**
David Jones, Senior Responsible Officer, Natural Capital and Ecosystem Assessment Programme, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

9.40 **Priorities for nature recovery - targets, delivery and capacity**
Senior speaker confirmed from **Natural England**

9.50 **Land use and environmental outcomes - participation, implementation and stewardship**
Environmental Improvement Plan and Land Use Framework implementation | multifunctional land use: nature recovery, food production, housing and infrastructure | landscape-scale delivery | Environmental Land Management schemes and Sustainable Farming Incentive: participation, advice, transaction costs, tenancy and long-term commitments | partnerships and supply aggregation | public and private funding: stacking, bundling and avoiding double counting | Environmental Delivery Plans and Nature Restoration Fund: first Norfolk EDP, strategic mitigation, evidence and conservation measures | Biodiversity Net Gain reform and NSIP extension | nutrient neutrality and Marine Recovery Fund | implications for developers, land managers and suppliers
Emma Toovey, Chief Nature Officer, Environment Bank
James Byrne, Head, Green Finance, The Wildlife Trusts
Senior speaker confirmed from the **Environmental Farmers Group**
Senior representative, developers

10.10 Questions and comments from the floor

10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian

10.40 Break

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10.55 **Financing environmental outcomes - public and private investment, disclosure and demand**
progress towards government ambitions for private investment in nature recovery | investment pipeline and availability of investible projects | NAO scrutiny of schemes intended to leverage private finance | appropriate uses of public funding and private capital: blended finance and risk-sharing | factors affecting voluntary investment alongside regulatory frameworks | project viability: long-term delivery, permanence and allocation of risk | UK Sustainability Reporting Standards and quantification of sustainability-related risks and opportunities | Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures and implications for investment decisions | regulated investment and insights from the Water Industry National Environment Programme
Carl Atkin-House, Head, Natural Capital Strategy, Climate Asset Management
Senior representative, water sector
Senior representative, business
Senior representative, legal
Questions and comments from the floor

11.40 **Nature and carbon markets - considerations for demand, integrity and standards**
scale and reliability of voluntary demand | role of compliance mechanisms and other policy levers in supporting market demand | relationship between voluntary and compliance markets | reducing risk and uncertainty for buyers and suppliers | integrity of credits, robust baselines and measurement, reporting and verification | permanence, claims and avoiding double counting | adoption of the BSI Nature Investment Standards | biodiversity and nutrient-market standards and further standards in development | Woodland Carbon Code, Peatland Code and applications for ICVCM recognition | UK Land Carbon Registry and market infrastructure | stacking, insetting and the relationship between environmental credits and value-chain action | greenwashing risk and claims
Senior representative, nature markets
Senior representative, market regulation
Senior representative, business
Senior representative, investment
Senior representative, consulting

12.30 **Priorities for carbon and nature markets - investment, demand and delivering environmental outcomes**
Dr Will Lockhart, Deputy Director, Nature Markets and Investment, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
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