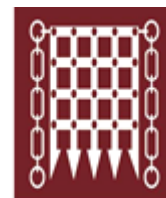


## Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference

### Next steps for net-zero Higher Education

Date: Morning, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle**, former Leader of the Green Party of England and Wales
- 9.05 **Priorities for the HE sector's role in sustainability and climate action**  
**Professor Judith Petts**, Vice-Chancellor, University of Plymouth and Chair, Universities UK Climate Task and Finish Group  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **The future for travel and mobility - carbon budgets, international students and study, academic networking and conferences, and changing institutional culture**  
**Professor Janice Kay**, Provost and Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Exeter  
**Joel Arber**, Group Managing Director, SUMS Consulting  
**Professor Rachael Rothman**, Academic Lead for Sustainability, University of Sheffield  
Senior representative, international  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Green practices in research and innovation**  
**Alison Robinson**, Deputy Executive Chair and Director of Corporate Affairs, Natural Environment Research Council  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle**, former Leader of the Green Party of England and Wales
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Wera Hobhouse MP**, Vice Chair, All Party Parliamentary Climate Change Group
- 11.05 **University estates, operations and procurement - emissions and waste reduction, supply chains, best practice and measuring impact of changed practices, and considering financial impact**  
**William Richardson**, Founder and Managing Director, Green Element  
**James O'Neill**, Principal Consultant, Proxima  
Senior representative, university estate  
Senior commentator  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 Break
- 11.55 **Investment and financial portfolios**  
**Katie Stewart**, Senior Research Officer, Share Action  
**Dr Ellen Quigley**, Special Adviser to the Chief Financial Officer, University of Cambridge; Senior Research Associate, Centre for the Study of Existential Risk, University of Cambridge  
**Cllr Rishi Madhani**, Head of Climate and Sustainable Finance, NatWest Group; and Chair of Pension Committee, Camden Council  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Setting the strategic direction for environmental sustainability in higher education - best practice and knowledge exchange, sector coordination, and alignment with wider policy**  
**Professor James Longhurst**, Assistant Vice Chancellor: Environment and Sustainability, UWE Bristol, and Chair, EUAC  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**  
**Wera Hobhouse MP**, Vice Chair, All Party Parliamentary Climate Change Group  
**Patrick Owen**, Senior Researcher, Westminster Higher Education Forum