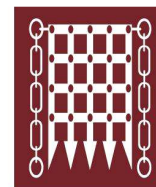


**Westminster Social Policy Forum keynote seminar
Towards net-zero in local government - policy, practices, support and services**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 7th December 2021

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **The evolving role of local authorities in emissions reduction and creating sustainable local plans**
Steve Read, Chair, ADEPT Environment Board; and Director of Environment and Public Protection, West Sussex County Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Delivering decarbonising mechanisms and creating the framework for long-term change**
Senior representative, consultancy
- 9.40 **Climate emergency declarations at a local level - linking with economic growth measures, priorities for urban and rural communities, and the role of local government in meeting wider net-zero targets**
Dr Candice Howarth, Co-Director, Place-based Climate Action Network; and Senior Policy Fellow, Grantham Research Institute
Phil Brennan, Principal Advisor, Association for Public Service Excellence
Philippa Borrowman, Policy Advisor, Green Alliance
Senior representative, urban local authority
Senior representative, rural local authority
- 10.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.35 Break
- 10.45 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 **Local government and net zero in England - addressing the NAO report, clarity on the role of local authorities, targeted support and funding, and the role of central government leadership**
Keith Davis, Director, Defra Value for Money, National Audit Office
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.20 **Reducing emissions across locally commissioned and operated housing, transport, recycling, and waste disposal services**
Silviya Barrett, Head of Policy, Research and Projects, Campaign for Better Transport
Senior speaker confirmed from **E-ON UK**
Senior representative, housing
Senior representative, recycling
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 **Moving towards net-zero in local government, tying up local and national targets, and taking forward work on the Sixth Carbon Budget**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Social Policy Forum