

## Westminster Business Forum policy conference:

### Next steps for non-financial reporting in the UK

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> July 2026

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Latest developments and next steps for non-financial reporting in the UK**  
**Professor Carol Adams**, Emeritus Professor, Accounting, Durham University Business School  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Implementation of UK Sustainability Reporting Standards - priorities, coordination and early experience**  
*transitioning from voluntary to mandatory adoption | interaction with Companies Act 2006 reform and FCA Listing Rules | sequencing and timelines for listed and unlisted companies | materiality assessments and data readiness | comparability and consistency for investor decision-making | Scope 3 expectations and proportionality | interoperability with EU CSRD and global regimes | implications for SMEs and supply-chain data requests | guidance needs and areas of uncertainty*  
**Sarah-Jane Denton**, Director, Operational Risk and Environment, Travers Smith  
**Jessica Bingham**, Head, Regional Policy Development and Global Strategic Sustainability Initiatives, Association of Chartered Certified Accountants  
**Kirsteen Harrison**, Co-Founder, Not Sustainable  
**Sana Mirza-Awan**, Senior Policy Adviser, The Investment Association  
Senior representative, business  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **'Progress in public sector climate-related reporting'**  
**Catherine Barber**, Director, Environment and Climate Change Insights, National Audit Office  
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 **The way forward for social and workforce-related reporting - ethnicity and disability pay gap reporting and organisational readiness**  
Senior commentator  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Opportunities for building capacity and capability for sustainability assurance**  
**Ravi Abeywardana**, Director, Sustainability Reporting and Assurance, ICAEW
- 11.40 **Next steps for the UK sustainability assurance regime - assurance, oversight and market confidence**  
*design and operation of the voluntary FRC register | pathways toward future mandatory assurance | standards, competencies and multidisciplinary skills | addressing greenwashing and improving reliability of sustainability information | competition and market structure for assurance providers | interaction with ISSA (UK) 5000 and international assurance standards | digital tools, data analytics and innovation in assurance practice*  
**Alan McGill**, Global Sustainability Assurance Partner, PwC  
**Murray Sayce**, Global Head, Sustainability Solutions, Assurance, BSI  
Senior representative, business  
Senior representative, ESG ratings
- 12.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for the UK's sustainability and non-financial reporting framework**  
**Mike Ashby**, Head, Sustainability Reporting and Assurance, Department for Business and Trade  
**Daniel Makevic**, Policy Lead, International Sustainability Disclosure Standards, Department for Business and Trade  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Thomas Howard**, Westminster Business Forum