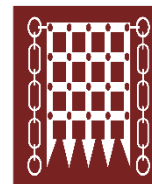


**Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:
Next steps for the UK nuclear industry - policy, regulation, investment and delivery**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord McNicol
- 9.05 **Implementing recommendations from the Nuclear Regulatory Review 2025**
John Fingleton, Lead, Nuclear Regulatory Taskforce, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project reform and EN-7 - considerations for nuclear consenting and deployment**
Dr Pauleen Lane, Professional Lead, Infrastructure, The Planning Inspectorate
- 9.40 **Accelerating nuclear delivery - balancing regulatory reform with safety and environmental protection**
criteria for proportionate regulation | addressing risk of uncertainty and delays in developer-led regulation | options for updating siting criteria for deployment of new tech and access to wider areas | potential for design standardisation criteria to reduce regulatory requirements | alignment between EN-7 and further regulatory and planning regimes, including Environmental Permitting Regulations and the Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025 | accelerating delivery while maintaining environment and safety standards | implications of alternative compliance pathways for Habitats Regulations | considerations for waste management and disposal | public confidence and accountability as responsibilities evolve
Andrew Walters, Project Director, Turner and Townsend
Clive Nixon, Group Chief Nuclear Strategy Officer, Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
Senior representative, developer
- 9.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Regulating during transition and next steps for the Commission for Nuclear Regulation**
Sarah Brown, Head, Policy, Office for Nuclear Regulation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord McNicol
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Ravensdale
- 11.05 **Considerations for investment frameworks to scale nuclear**
Senior representative, finance
- 11.15 **The delivery of Sizewell C - delivery milestones, investment considerations and next steps**
Nigel Cann, CEO, Sizewell C
- 11.25 **Project delivery - priorities for finance, supply chains and skills**
monitoring implementation of the Regulated Asset Base model for nuclear | implications of inclusion under the UK Government Green Financing Framework 2025 | questions around greenwashing and the low-carbon classification of nuclear | mechanisms to mitigate costs and overruns | role of Contracts for Difference for development and post-operation price stability | balancing investment and risk with consumer affordability and trust | innovation in investment models and role of private financing | role of the Advanced Nuclear Framework for new nuclear and project pipelines | strategies to address skills shortages and progress of the Nuclear Skills Plan | incentivising domestic supply chain capacity | role of Great British Energy-Nuclear in coordination, delivery and site prioritisation
Stuart McLaren, Head, Nuclear and Energy Sector Director, WSP
Thomas Docherty, Head, Strategic Engagement, ECITB; and Chair, National Nuclear Provider Coordinating Body
Maryam Adamji, Partner, Energy and Infrastructure, Linklaters
Jay Bhart, Chair, Nuclear South West
- 11.45 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.10 **The role of nuclear in clean power and energy security going forward**
role of nuclear in energy security and Clean Power 2030 | contribution of small, advanced, and micro modular reactors, to energy security and industrial capability | supporting demand growth from AI and digital infrastructure | opportunities for exportability | advancing fusion technology | insights from the UK Industrial Fusions Solutions STEP programme | priorities for nuclear safety and cybersecurity | governance and accountability in public communications and confidence
Dr Paul Nevitt, Vice President, Science and Technology, UK National Nuclear Laboratory
Daniel Mewton, Partner, Slaughter and May
Josh Buckland, Director, Strategy and Policy, EDF Energy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.50 **Next steps for the UK nuclear industry and priorities for policy**
Bill Esterson MP, Chair, Energy Security and Net Zero Select Committee
Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.15 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Lord Ravensdale
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum