

**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 - opportunities for nuclear consenting and deployment**  
Senior representative, planning
- 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*  
Senior representative, developer  
Senior representative, environment  
Senior representative, waste  
Senior representative, legal
- 10.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Regulating during transition and next steps for the Commission for Nuclear Regulation**  
Senior representative, regulation  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Lord McNicol**
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 **Considerations for investment frameworks to scale nuclear**  
Senior representative, finance
- 11.20 **The delivery of Sizewell C - delivery milestones, investment considerations and next steps**  
**Nigel Cann**, CEO, Sizewell C
- 11.30 **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 McLean**, Head, Nuclear and Energy Sector Director, WSP  
Senior representative, supply chain  
Senior representative, skills
- 11.45 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.05 **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*  
Senior representative, innovation  
Senior representative, technology  
Senior commentator  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.45 **Next steps for the UK nuclear industry and priorities for policy**  
Senior representative, policy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.10 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Sean Cudmore**, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum