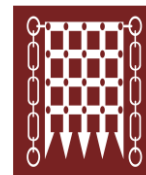


Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:

Next steps for renewable energy rollout and planning policy in the UK

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Deben
- 9.05 **Key policy considerations - planning, infrastructure and renewable energy**
Michael Bingham, Deputy Director, Planning Policy, Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government
Kate Richardson, Deputy Director, Planning, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.45 **The roadmap to clean energy by 2030 and priorities for stakeholders**
objectives and milestones set by NESO and the Clean Power 2030 Action Plan | fast-tracking planning and regulatory approvals for green energy projects without compromising on standards | balancing national energy objectives with local and devolved administration priorities | alignment of policy, regulation and sector action | addressing technical and logistical challenges | priorities for grid modernisation and integration of offshore wind and solar
Cameron Witten, Senior Regulatory Affairs Manager, RWE Renewables UK
Councillor Anna Railton, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Zero Carbon Oxford, Oxford City Council
Senior speaker confirmed from **Burges Salmon**
Senior representative, infrastructure
Senior representative, environment
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Preparing the energy grid for increased renewable capacity**
Senior representative, grid
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Deben
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 **Regulatory priorities for renewable energy and planning**
Jack Presley Abbott, Deputy Director, Strategic Planning and Connections, Ofgem
Senior representative, planning
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 **Next steps for infrastructure implementation and renewables sector development**
Senior representative, renewables
Senior representative, infrastructure
- 12.15 **Putting in place the enablers for renewables scale-up and a just transition for communities**
support for renewables and infrastructure innovation and priorities for technology development | creating a more flexible and responsive framework to accommodate technological advancements in renewable energy | attracting investment and the mix between private and public funding | encouraging community-led energy projects | fostering community support and benefit-sharing in renewable energy projects | addressing the skills shortage in renewable energy sectors | assessing strategies for reskilling and upskilling for roles in renewable energy, including potential apprenticeship and training programmes
Mark Owen-Lloyd, Director, Photovolt Development Partners
Senior representative, communities
Senior representative, investment
Senior representative, green skills
- 12.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum