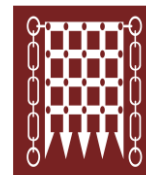


Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:

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

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 24th April 2025

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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Deben
- 9.05 **Key policy considerations - planning, infrastructure and renewable energy**
Kate Richardson, Deputy Director, Planning, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
Michael Bingham, Deputy Director, Planning Policy, Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government
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
Nicola Crawford-Percival, Head, Regulatory Affairs UK and Ireland, RWE Renewables UK
Councillor Anna Railton, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Zero Carbon Oxford, Oxford City Council
Becky Pullinger, Head, Land Use Planning, The Wildlife Trusts
Rufus Howard, Impact Assessment and Sustainable Finance Policy Lead, IEMA
Alex Minhinick, Partner, Planning and Compulsory Purchase, Burges Salmon
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **'Net zero emission energy system designs - including renewables, storage, networks, aviation and negative emissions'**
Professor Mark Barrett, Professor of Energy and Environmental Systems Modelling, UCL Energy Institute
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Deben
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Jessica Lear, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum
- 11.15 **Regulatory priorities for renewable energy and planning**
Jack Presley Abbott, Deputy Director, Strategic Planning and Connections, Ofgem
Tom Williams, Partner, Downing
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 **'Creating a regulatory framework to support communities with local power'**
Stephen Harris, VP Energy, OVO Energy
- 12.05 **New trends in the renewables market and potential challenges for the sector moving forward**
Monica Seshasayee, Renewables Team Lead UK and Carbon-Net Zero BD Lead, Mott MacDonald
- 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
Benjamin Gough, Director, PwC UK
Matthew Clayton, CEO, Thrive Renewables
Nadia Smith, Co-Chair, South East London Community Energy
- 12.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Jessica Lear, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum
Tess Mitchell-Thomas, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum