

Westminster eForum policy conference:

Next steps for smart data - policy, regulation and scheme implementation

Timing: Morning, Friday, 9th October 2026

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Key considerations for smart data policy, regulation and scheme implementation in the UK**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Priorities for data protection, responsible data sharing and organisational readiness**
William Malcolm, Executive Director, Regulatory Risk and Innovation, Information Commissioner's Office
- 9.40 **Strategic approaches to developing a cross-economy framework - regulatory coordination, interoperability, standards and governance**
implementation of the UK's Smart Data Strategy and sequencing of secondary legislation under the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025 / ICO guidance, data protection and organisational readiness / DRCF work on smart data frameworks and regulatory coordination / sector readiness and capability / interoperability between sector schemes / development of technical standards, consent mechanisms and accreditation processes / priorities for the Smart Data Guidebook and refreshed Smart Data Council / commercial viability, business models, market entry, participation and innovation opportunities / experience from the Open Finance Roadmap / alignment with wider digital reforms, including data protection, AI governance and digital identity / development of smart data capabilities and services
James Stokes, Head, Data Products, Elexon
Senior representative, technology
Senior representative, standards
Senior representative, legal
- 10.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Competition, market structure and consumer outcomes in smart data ecosystems**
Jessica Lennard, Chief Strategy and External Affairs Officer, Competition and Markets Authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 **Lessons from open banking and priorities for open finance - governance, design and effective practice for wider scheme delivery**
Luke Ryder, Director, Standards, Strategic Policy and Public Affairs, Open Banking
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Next steps for implementation of smart data schemes in practice - pilots, delivery, infrastructure and operational readiness**
rollout of industry-led scheme pilots, funding deployment and the development of smart data use cases across key sectors / implications of the DfT's Transport Data Action Plan / learning from the Fuel Finder service / access to trusted sector data, data marketplaces and APIs / scheme governance, oversight and accountability, operational readiness of data holders and intermediaries / accreditation, assurance and compliance monitoring / liability frameworks, dispute resolution, and cross-border data flows and international alignment / the role of Smart Data Research UK in providing secure access to data / development of technical infrastructure, cybersecurity, systemic resilience and increased API connectivity / implementation in key sectors, including financial services, property, transport, energy and retail
Simon Evans, Director, Global Digital Energy Leader, Arup
Maria Harris, Chair, Open Property Data Association
Louise Beaumont, Head, Marketing and Communications, Invela
Byron Mann, Policy Advisor, Which?
Senior representative, investment
- 12.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for the delivery of smart data schemes across the economy**
Siobhán Dennehy, Deputy Director, Competition Analysis and Smart Data Policy, Department for Business and Trade
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster eForum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Thomas Howard, Westminster eForum