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Next steps for solar power in the UK

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# 9.00 Chair's opening remarks

Senior Parliamentarian

#### 9.05 Solar power in the UK - the Solar Taskforce's recommendations and next steps

Chris Hewett, Chief Executive, Solar Energy UK; and Joint Chair, Solar Taskforce, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero Questions and comments from the floor

#### 9.30 Assessing delivery of the UK Solar Roadmap

priorities for implementation | planning reform and integration with local land use plans | resourcing and statutory timelines for planning departments | balancing land use with biodiversity and food security | clarity on Best and Most Versatile land and site prioritisation | rooftop, brownfield and balcony deployment | community energy and engagement | expectations for community benefits and local participation

**Poppy Maltby**, Head, Local Energy, Regen SW **Alex Minhinick**, Partner, Burges Salmon

Emma Bridge, Chief Executive, Community Energy England

Jackie Copley, Campaigns Lead, Campaign to Protect Rural England

Senior representative, infrastructure Questions and comments from the floor

### 10.20 Regulatory priorities and coordination for accelerated solar deployment

Senior representative, regulation Questions and comments from the floor

# 10.45 Chair's closing remarks

Senior Parliamentarian

10.50 Break

# 11.00 Chair's opening remarks

Senior Parliamentarian

# 11.05 Ethical sourcing, domestic innovation, and supply chain resilience in UK solar manufacturing

Senior representative, manufacturing

# 11.15 <u>Enablers for scaling up solar delivery</u>

investment frameworks and supporting market confidence | implications of CfD terms and auction design | procurement and delivery models | role of GBE and coordination with the public estate | strengthening domestic manufacturing and innovation | import policy, ethical sourcing and supply chain resilience | workforce availability, accreditation and training pathways | ensuring delivery capacity across regions

Mark Wakeford, Chair, National Federation of Builders

Senior representative, investment Senior representative, supply chain

### 11.30 Questions and comments from the floor

### 11.50 Preparing the gird for increased solar deployment

transition to the First Ready, First Connected model | sequencing and prioritising projects | regional capacity constraints and grid connection timelines | coordination across Ofgem, ESO, transmission and distribution operators | investment pipeline and network resilience planning | flexible grid connections and queue management | integration of storage and flexibility to manage curtailment | alignment between grid readiness and planning progression

Senior representative, grid

Senior representative, manufacturing Senior representative, network operator Questions and comments from the floor

### 12.30 <u>UK solar policy - progress, challenges and next steps</u>

Senior representative, policy

Questions and comments from the floor

### 13.00 Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks

Senior Parliamentarian

Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum

