

**Westminster eForum policy conference:
Next steps for spectrum policy and regulation in the UK**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 18th January 2024

*****Taking place online*****



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Harding of Winscombe, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Internet, Communications and Technology
- 9.05 **The future of spectrum use and allocation - outcomes from WRC-23 and implications for the wireless communications market and policy in the UK**
Dr Abhaya Sumanasena, Chairman, UK SPF; and Head of Policy and Regulation, Real Wireless
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Industry priorities for future spectrum use and allocation**
Chris Cheeseman, Principal, Spectrum Policy, BT
- 9.40 **Unlocking economic potential - release and licensing of new spectrum bands, facilitating the expansion of 5G and the development of 6G, and options for alternative approaches to data sharing and transmission**
Diane Mullenex, Partner, Pinsent Masons
Professor Robert Stewart, Department of Electronic and Electrical Engineering, University of Strathclyde
Mohamed Juwad, Director, Spectrum Policy, Intelsat
- 10.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Regulatory priorities - enabling and coordinating a collaborative approach to spectrum allocation and licensing**
David Willis, Group Director, Spectrum, Ofcom
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Baroness Harding of Winscombe, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Internet, Communications and Technology
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
David Willis, Group Director, Spectrum, Ofcom
- 11.15 **International coordination on approaches to spectrum allocation, management and use in addressing global challenges**
Stuart Cooke, Director, Spectrum and Industry Affairs, Samsung
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **The infrastructural spectrum needs across the UK - digital connectivity, energy, water and transport**
Aidan Irwin-Singer, Senior Policy Adviser, National Infrastructure Commission
- 11.50 **Maximising the environmental and social value of spectrum in the UK - contributions to net zero targets, supporting innovation and the space sector, and ensuring that benefit is equitably shared**
Tim Miller, Partner, Plum Consulting
Ross Bateson, Spectrum Special Adviser, Global System for Mobile Communications Association
Dr Mike Willis, Head of Spectrum Policy, UK Space Agency
Kirsty McBeath, Spectrum Policy Manager, Met Office
- 12.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for spectrum in the UK**
Raj Sivalingam, Head of Spectrum Policy, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster eForum closing remarks**
David Willis, Group Director, Spectrum, Ofcom
Jessica Lear, Associate Editor, Westminster eForum