

## Westminster eForum policy conference:

### Decarbonising the UK tech industry

Timing: Morning, Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Assessing the impact of the tech sector on the UK's carbon footprint, and priorities for policy and stakeholder action**  
Senior commentator
- 9.20 **Progress and key considerations for decarbonising the tech industry**  
*implications of the Government's AI Opportunities Action Plan / expectations from the AI Energy Council / priorities for realising the energy needs of AI / options for increased emissions reporting / emerging innovative solutions for tech decarbonisation*  
**Dr Aaron Zhao**, Lecturer, Computer Engineering, Imperial College London  
**Ravi Vekaria**, Digital and Tech Sector Coordinator, The Carbon Literacy Project  
Senior representative, industry  
Senior representative, technology
- 9.45 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.05 **Priorities for fostering robust regulatory and legal frameworks in the sector**  
**Stuart Okin**, Director, Cyber Regulation and AI, Ofgem  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.35 Break
- 10.45 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 **Industry initiatives targeted at improving the sustainability of data centres**  
Senior representative, industry
- 11.00 **Next steps and implementation priorities for achieving decarbonisation in the tech industry**  
*assessing the potential benefits of small modular nuclear reactors / implications of government plans to overhaul planning rules for nuclear reactors / priorities for the Nuclear Regulatory Taskforce / role of local government in tech decarbonisation / priorities for using data centres as heat sources / investing in renewable energy sources / priorities for integrating circularity in the tech industry*  
**Professor Fiona Charnley**, Co-Director, Centre for Circular Economy, University of Exeter Business School  
Senior representative, industry  
Senior representative, investment  
Senior commentator
- 11.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 **The role of UK tech in achieving wider industry sustainability goals**  
Senior representative, technology  
Senior representative, devolved policy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Next steps for policy in supporting decarbonisation in the tech industry**  
**Professor Paul Monks**, Chief Scientific Advisor, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster eForum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Thomas Howard**, Westminster eForum