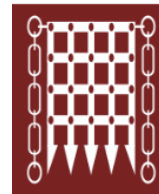


Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum and Policy Forum for London keynote seminar:

Next steps for the Thames Estuary

Timing: Morning, Friday, 15th March 2024

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Joanna Wooles, Head of Climate Change Adaptation, Department for Transport
- 9.05 **Next steps for implementing the Thames Estuary 2100 Plan**
Laura Littleton, Thames Estuary 2100 Manager, Environment Agency
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Creating a sustainable Estuary**
Reducing carbon emissions | Adaptive responses to flood management | Role of the Estuary in responding to climate and nature emergencies | Protecting biodiversity | Use of the natural habitat to manage flood risk and water quality
Jason Debney, Strategy Co-ordinator, Thames Landscape Strategy
- 9.45 **Key findings from the London Climate Resilience Review so far**
Emma Howard Boyd, Chair, London Climate Resilience Review
- 10.00 **Priorities for the Estuary and infrastructure projects**
Joanna Rowelle, Director, Arup
- 10.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Joanna Wooles, Head of Climate Change Adaptation, Department for Transport
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Teresa Montero, Head of Investment, Southern England Region, Department for Business and Trade
- 11.05 **Sustainable regeneration - balancing development schemes with environmental objectives**
Professor Chris Baines, President, Thames Estuary Partnership
- 11.20 **Priorities for planning and development**
Stakeholder enfranchisement and co-ordination | Engaging riverside communities | Achieving sustainable development that meets both economic and social objectives
Nicola Zech-Behrens, Project Director, Ballymore
Nicholas Evans, Partner, BDB Pitmans
- 11.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.05 **Next steps for the Estuary as a hydrogen hub**
Chris McMahon, Programme Services Director, Lower Thames Crossing
- 12.15 **Maximising economic growth and opportunities**
Opportunities for the Estuary in the green economy | Commercial future of the Estuary within the UK's trade and maritime sectors | Investment in skills, jobs and the creative economy | Creating additional social and economic benefits for riverside communities
Lorraine Cox, Director, Creative Estuary
Luciana Ciubotariu, Head of Trade and Investment, Thames Freeport
- 12.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Teresa Montero, Head of Investment, Southern England Region, Department for Business and Trade
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Forum Projects