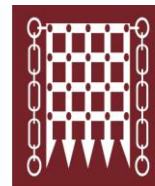


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Next steps for ports in the UK - transition priorities, infrastructure development, freeports, smart ports and decarbonisation

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Dr Jo North, Director, Technology and Transformation, Port of Tyne
- 9.05 **Policy priorities for developing and supporting UK ports**
Robert Courts MP, Minister for Aviation, Maritime & Security, Department for Transport (*pre-recorded contribution*)
- 9.10 **The outlook of the ports sector**
Richard Ballantyne, Chief Executive, British Ports Association
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Case study - protecting port functions during COVID-19**
Peter Aylott, Director, Policy, UK Chamber of Shipping
- 9.45 **Preparing UK ports for after the UK-EU Transition Period - minimising traffic and trade congestion, boosting capacity, and latest thinking on adjusting to new tariff regimes**
Liz Dunn, Partner, Burges Salmon
Lucy Hudson, Principal Policy Officer Freight and Logistics, Transport for the North
Councillor Kevin Bentley, Deputy Leader, and Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Essex County Council
Matthew Grigor, Public Affairs Manager, Associated British Ports
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Dr Jo North, Director, Technology and Transformation, Port of Tyne
- 10.50 Break
- 11:00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Richard Ballantyne, Chief Executive, British Ports Association
- 11.05 **Developing port infrastructure in the UK - designing terminals fit for capacity, and meeting the needs of new services and demands**
Peter Neville-Jones, Technical Director, Maritime and Ports, AECOM
- 11.15 **Positioning the UK as a leader in smart ports and automation - increasing operational efficiency, cargo logistics, and harnessing the benefits of digitisation**
Richard Willis, Technical Director, Port Operations, Maritime & Aviation, Royal HaskoningDHV
- 11.25 **'Decarbonising ports and harbours - a crucial link in decarbonising transport'**
Mark Wray, Knowledge Transfer Manager, Buildings & Infrastructure, Knowledge Transfer Network
Matthew Moss, Knowledge Transfer Manager, Maritime, Knowledge Transfer Network
Commodore Jeremy Bailey, Naval Base Commander, HMNB Portsmouth
- 11.40 **Opportunities for commercialising low-carbon and zero-emission shipping**
Dr Lucy Gilliam, Aviation & Shipping Campaigner, Transport & Environment
- 11.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.10 Break
- 12.20 **Next steps for freeports in the UK - practical design, enabling economic growth, and supporting innovation**
Freeports in the UK - impact on customs arrangements, and potential for boosting trade, jobs and investment
Tim Morris, Chief Executive, UK Major Ports Group
Freeports and supporting innovation - regulatory flexibility, attracting startups, and testing new technology
Dr Jo North, Director, Technology and Transformation, Port of Tyne
- 12.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Richard Ballantyne, Chief Executive, British Ports Association
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum

