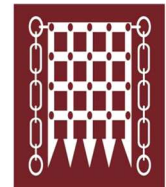


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The future for Ports in the UK: priorities post the EU exit transition period, infrastructure
development and freight**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **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**
Tim Morris, Chief Executive, UK Major Ports Group
Liz Dunn, Partner, Burges Salmon
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, freight
- 10.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 **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
- 11.20 **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
- 11.30 **Pathways for port decarbonisation up to 2050 - commercialising low-carbon shipping, reducing operational emissions, and collaborating on local net-zero strategies**
Senior representative, environment
- 11.40 **Next steps for freeports in the UK - practical design, enabling economic growth, and supporting innovation**

Effective customs arrangements - reducing tariff barriers, becoming more competitive, and supporting duty free re-exports
Senior representative, analyst

Freeports and supporting innovation - regulatory flexibility, attracting startups, and testing new technology
Senior representative, innovation
- 12.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.35 **Policy priorities for developing and supporting UK ports**
Senior speaker to be announced
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Jack Longman, Senior Researcher, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum