

Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:

Next steps for the UK's rail network

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 25th April 2024

Taking place online



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Bradshaw, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Rail
- 9.05 **Delivering rail reform in the UK - the current state of play**
Jonny Mood, Director of Transport Value for Money, National Audit Office
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 **Priorities for delivering a reliable rail network**
Performance, efficiency and opportunities for reform / Passenger satisfaction / Addressing disruption to passengers from industrial action / Franchising and passenger service contracts / Ticketing and achieving value for money / planning for future growth
Tammy Samuel, Partner, Rail, Stephenson Harwood
Natasha Grice, Director, Transport Focus
Mick Whelan, General Secretary, Aslef
Chris Page, Chair, Railfuture
Robert Cook, Policy Director, Railway Industry Association
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 **'Does the proposed reform address the next government's railway problem?'**
Professor Stephen Glaister, Emeritus Professor of Transport and Infrastructure, Imperial College London
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chairs closing remarks**
Lord Bradshaw, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Rail
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Amanda Roper, Director, Strategy and Portfolio, Rail Infrastructure Group, Department for Transport
- 11.00 **Alternative options for UK rail policy**
Henri Murison, Chief Executive, Northern Powerhouse Partnership
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Protecting and future-proofing UK rail infrastructure**
Environmental priorities / Asset renewal / Developing innovation and technology / Financing priorities
Professor Paul Plummer, Professor of Rail Strategy, University of Birmingham
Dr Alasdair MacDonald, Regional Director, Balfour Beatty
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.05 **'ORR's periodic review of Network Rail - a platform for investment and a customer-focused railway in uncertain times'**
Will Godfrey, Director of Economics, Finance and Markets, Office of Rail and Road
- 12.20 **Priorities for implementing Network Rail's Control Period 7 delivery plan**
Paul McMahon, Director, Planning and Regulation, Network Rail
- 12.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Amanda Roper, Director, Strategy and Portfolio, Rail Infrastructure Group, Department for Transport
Aissa Gaye, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum