

## Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:

### Next steps for Contracts for Difference in the UK

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Assessing developments in Contracts for Difference policy, priorities for Allocation Round 8, and considerations for future allocation rounds**  
Senior academic  
Questions and comments from the floor
- Considerations for scheme design, delivery, and market operation**
- 9.30 **Learning from AR7 results and assessing priorities for AR8 and beyond**  
**James Brabben**, Senior Manager, Regulatory Affairs, RWE
- 9.45 **Delivery of CfD contracts and enabling successful project deployment**  
**Adam Williams**, Head, Policy and Development, Low Carbon Contracts Company
- 10.00 **Fostering investment in renewable energy - auction design, risk management, and project delivery**  
*assessing auction design reform following AR7 and priorities for AR8 | implications of extending contract lengths on strike prices, cost of capital, value for money, and system flexibility | maintaining a credible and investable project pipeline across technologies | assessing implications of revised planning and consenting frameworks for project risk and delivery timelines | mechanisms to reduce non-delivery risk and support project completion | changing eligibility requirements including inclusion of repowered onshore wind and implications for competition, participation, and value for money | emerging opportunities for offshore wind and nascent technologies | implications of enhanced visibility of sealed bid information for bidding behaviour and budget setting | circumstances in which allocation budgets may be exceeded or underspent where value for money can be demonstrated | priorities for regulatory oversight and maintaining confidence in auction processes*  
**David Acres**, Head of Policy, EDF Power Solutions  
**Manon Derelle**, Director, Baringa  
Senior representative, legal  
Senior representative, investment
- 10.20 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 **Supply chain development and the Clean Industry Bonus**  
**Steven Agnew**, Head, Policy, RenewableUK
- 11.15 **Priorities for supply chains, workforce skills, and planning**  
*reform of the Clean Industry Bonus for AR8 and future allocation rounds | achieving clarity, assurance, and confidence in delivery of supply chain commitments | planning and consenting processes and implications for supply chain readiness and project delivery | verification requirements, definitional clarity, and managing compliance burdens | building domestic supply chain capacity in offshore and onshore wind | interaction between the Clean Industry Bonus and wider initiatives including Great British Energy and the National Wealth Fund | addressing supply chain constraints in the offshore wind pipeline and opportunities for onshore deployment | workforce development, skills gaps, and regional growth opportunities | role of the Fair Work Charter and the forthcoming skills investment fund | streamlining planning and consenting processes and alignment with sector preparedness*  
**Chris Rowell**, Head, Net Zero, Tees Valley Combined Authority  
**David Nash**, Director, Strategy and Policy, Engineering Construction Industry Training Board  
Senior representative, consenting
- 11.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 **Implications of electricity market and grid connection reform for CfD design and delivery**  
*network charging reform and implications for investment signals | introduction of the Strategic Spatial Energy Plan and impacts on siting decisions | alignment of CfD eligibility and allocation timelines with grid connection reform | addressing delays to grid connections and implications for project deployment | network capacity constraints and risks to delivery timelines | coordination between renewable deployment, system planning, and flexibility strategies | alignment between spatial planning frameworks, consenting processes, and CfD project delivery*  
**John Tindal**, Head, Market Design, SSE Renewables  
Senior representative, spatial planning  
Senior representative, grid  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Next steps for CfD policy and alignment with Clean Power 2030**  
**Jamie Balbes**, Head, Renewable Electricity Policy and Delivery, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Sean Cudmore**, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum