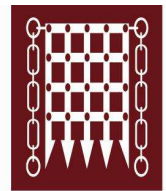


**Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum Keynote Seminar:
Priorities for improving flood management in England - preparedness, infrastructure
and developing an affordable flood insurance market**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 4th April 2019

Venue: Central London



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Rosie Cooper MP, Member, House of Commons Health and Social Care Committee
- 9.05 - 9.30 **Priorities for flood and coastal erosion risk management**
Catherine Wright, Director of Digital and Skills, Flood & Coastal Risk Management, Environment Agency
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 9.40 **'National Infrastructure Assessment: the case for a national standard of flood resilience'**
Matt Crossman, Team Leader, National Infrastructure Commission
- 9.40 - 9.50 **Case study: developing a National Flood Risk Assessment**
Senior representative, devolved agency
- 9.50 - 10.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.05 - 10.50 **Next steps for improving flood preparedness - protecting key infrastructure, expanding local co-operation and limiting flood risk**
What is the latest thinking - and examples of best practice - on addressing the challenges for local communities and businesses in protecting themselves from flooding? What is the way forward for limiting flood risk for water companies and the transport network, as well as the role of the local authorities in developing flooding strategies? With the NIA discussing the need for water companies and local authorities to come together to develop a 'surface water management plan' this session what should be the next steps for expanding cooperation between key stakeholders?
Innes Thomson, Chief Executive, Association of Drainage Authorities
Paul Cobbing, Chief Executive, National Flood Forum
Alex Plant, Regulation Director, Anglian Water Services
Dr John Kissi, Flood Risk Manager, Southwark Council
Dr Jonathan Simm, Chief Technical Director, Resilience, HR Wallingford
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 - 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Rosie Cooper MP, Member, House of Commons Health and Social Care Committee
- 10.55 - 11.20 Coffee
- 11.20 - 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.25 - 11.45 **Developing an affordable flood insurance market - transitioning Flood Re**
Aidan Kerr, Director of Operations, Flood Re
Mark Shepherd, Assistant Director, Head of Property, Commercial and Specialist Lines, ABI
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 - 11.55 **Opportunities for investment and the future design of grey infrastructure**
Bryan Harvey, Vice President, Utilities, Europe, Jacobs
- 11.55 - 12.05 **Challenges for implementing policy and the planning process**
Sarah Clark, Partner, BDB Pitmans
- 12.05 - 12.15 **The impacts of flooding on agriculture and its role in flood management**
Dr Diane Mitchell, Chief Environment Adviser, NFU
- 12.15 - 12.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **'Better preparing our country for future flood and coastal erosion risks'**
David Cooper, Deputy Director, Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk Management, Defra
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum