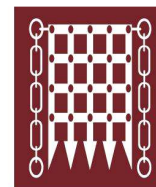


**Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum Keynote Seminar:  
The next steps for rail services in the UK - modernisation, accountability and  
meeting the needs of users**

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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 - 9.25 **Creating rail industry structures that promote accountability**  
Senior speaker to be confirmed  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 - 10.15 **Examining the priorities for rail users**  
**Maggie Simpson**, Director General, Rail Freight Group  
**David Sidebottom**, Director, Transport Focus  
**Paul Hirst**, Partner, Head of Transport, Addleshaw Goddard  
Senior representative, trade union  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 - 10.35 **Next steps for regional transport governance and improving regional network connections**  
**Tim Wood**, Director, Northern Powerhouse Rail, Transport for the North  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 - 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.40 - 11.10 Coffee
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 - 11.45 **Building a rail system to benefit rail users: financial sustainability, restabilising trust and improving performance**
- The future for the funding and regulation of rail services*  
**Declan Collier**, Chair, Office of Rail and Road
- Implementing a digital signalling system and further electrification on the lines*  
Senior speaker to be confirmed
- Assessing the future of the franchise system*  
Senior speaker confirmed from **Virgin Trains**
- 11.45 - 12.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 - 12.30 **Developing intelligence and accessibility in the network**  
**Sharon Lee**, Associate Director, Programme and Project Management, Arup  
**Neil Connor**, Client Executive, Transport Operators, Fujitsu UK  
Senior representative, rolling stock  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **The next phase for the Government's rail strategy**  
**Peter Wilkinson**, Managing Director, Passenger Services, Department for Transport  
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