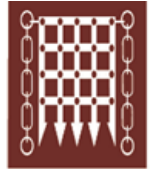


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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **The Procurement Act - key priorities for implementation**  
**Lindsay Maguire**, Deputy Director, Procurement Reform, Cabinet Office  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 Break
- 9.40 **Assessing the potential impact of the new procurement legislation**  
*Navigating the new application process | Addressing concerns over resources for the preparation period | Interpretation of definitions  
| Use of increased flexibility | Support for stakeholders | Resolving tension between cost and sustainability*  
**Paul Wright**, Owner, PAWA Consulting  
**Rebecca Rees**, Head of Public Procurement and Partner, Trowers & Hamlins  
**Peter Schofield**, Head of Integrated Commissioning and Procurement, Manchester City Council  
Senior representative, business  
Senior representative, public body  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Assessing the practicalities of procurement secondary legislation**  
Senior representative, policy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 **Encouraging competition and opening up procurement to SMEs**  
*Reducing barriers | Supporting innovative solutions | Priorities for digitisation and streamlining | Increasing transparency and public confidence*  
**Heather Buchanan**, Chief Executive Officer, Bankers for Net Zero  
Senior representative, policy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **The role of public procurement in supporting national policy priorities**  
*Creating jobs | Enhancing supplier resilience | Fostering innovation | Assisting in levelling up | Helping pandemic recovery | Supporting the transition to net zero*  
**Michelle McCann**, Chief Sustainability and Innovation Officer, NHS London Procurement Partnership  
**Heather Cover-Kus**, Head of Central Government Programme, Tech UK  
Senior representative, business  
Senior representative, local authority  
Senior consultant  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Priorities for ensuring an effective regulatory framework**  
Senior representative, policy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Westminster Business Forum