Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:
Next steps for UK climate policy - the Seventh Carbon Budget, investment and delivery
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8.30 Registration

9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Steve Race MP

9.05 **The UK's Seventh Carbon Budget - progress, delivery risks, and the pathway towards net zero**
Dr Eoin Devane, Acting Director, Net Zero, Climate Change Committee
Questions and comments from the floor

9.30 **Lessons from the *Seventh Carbon Budget Inquiry* - priorities for delivery, fairness and competitiveness**
Toby Perkins MP, Chair, Environmental Audit Committee
Questions and comments from the floor

9.55 **Investment requirements for CB7 - project readiness, risk and the role of public finance**
Sarah Tennison, Head, Clean Growth Strategy and Impact, Innovate UK

10.05 **Next steps for UK climate policy and implementation - investment, accountability, affordability and local delivery**
CB7 delivery plan, nearer-term carbon budgets and 2030 and 2035 commitments | coordination across government, devolved administrations, regulators and local authorities | milestones, indicators, statutory reporting and accountability | delivery risks and contingency planning | policy certainty, project pipelines, public and private finance and allocation of risk | electricity and infrastructure costs, public finances and industrial competitiveness | skills, workforce transition and supply chain capacity | household costs, targeted support and consumer confidence | local energy planning and coordination with networks, housing providers and communities | distribution of costs and benefits
Timothy Clement, Director, Social Value and Sustainability, Morgan Sindall Construction
Mike Childs, Head, Science, Policy and Research, Friends of the Earth
Cara Holmes, Principal Policy Manager, Regional Energy Planning, Citizens Advice
James Harries, Head, Climate Change and Sustainability Service, Trafford Council
Mark Ellis-Jones, Manager, Climate Change and Energy, Environment Agency
Questions and comments from the floor

10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Steve Race MP

11.00 Break

11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian

11.15 **Priorities for emissions reduction across key sectors - infrastructure, investment and practical implementation**
grid investment, connections, flexibility and electricity costs | coordinating electricity demand across homes, transport, industry and data centres | Energy Independence Bill proposals for energy supply, renewables, planning and local energy | industrial electrification, asset-replacement cycles, hydrogen and CCUS, including recent funding decisions | Warm Homes Plan, retrofit quality, property suitability and installation capacity | electric vehicles, commercial fleets, charging infrastructure, freight, public transport and active travel | sustainable aviation and maritime fuels, airport and port infrastructure and shore power | lower-emission farming, farm viability, land use and nature recovery | competing demands for biomass | engineered removals, UK ETS integration, standards and market development | investment requirements, availability of enabling technologies, and reliance on removals where other emissions reductions are constrained
Andrew Kidd, Director, Regulation, Lower Thames Crossing
Zoe Quiroz Cullen, Head, Climate and International Policy, The Wildlife Trusts
Steve Kelly, President and General Manager, 1PointFive International
Helen Munro, Head, Environment and Sustainability, Pulsant
Ben Lynch, Chief Commercial Officer, Carbon Limiting Technologies
Questions and comments from the floor

12.05 **Carbon pricing, trade and international commitments - implications for business, investment and UK-EU relations**
UK ETS Phase II cap and its relationship with CB7 | UK ETS costs, changes to free allocation, carbon leakage and industrial competitiveness | UK CBAM implementation from January 2027, business preparedness, compliance, import costs and supply chain implications | EU CBAM implications for UK exporters | UK-EU ETS linkage and implications for carbon costs, trade and investment | international carbon markets, standards and integrity | imported and consumption emissions | UK 2035 NDC, Paris Agreement commitments and COP31 outcomes | International Climate Finance Strategy 2026 and public and private finance for adaptation and mitigation
Sebastien Cross, Chief Innovation Officer and Co-Founder, BeZero Carbon
Dr Silke Goldberg, Partner and Global Head, ESG and Climate Change, Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer
Professor David Collins, Professor, International Economic Law, City University London
Rob Griggs, Policy and Public Affairs Director, Airlines UK
Senior representative, finance
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