



WESTMINSTER ENERGY
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Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:

Next steps for climate adaptation and resilience in the UK

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 2nd December 2026

Taking Place Online

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Priorities for strengthening UK climate resilience - implications of the CCC's Fourth Independent Assessment of UK Climate Risk**
Florence Bates, Head, Climate Change Risk Assessment and Adaptation Reporting, Climate Change Committee
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Priorities for climate adaptation - standards, governance and accountability**
minimum resilience standards / duties in practice and addressing challenges in embedding adaptation / measurable objectives, targets and accountability / governance and coordination across departments, sectors and regulators / regulatory coherence across energy, water, transport, digital and housing systems / alignment of adaptation with wider climate and net zero policy / improving climate data, reporting and decision-making tools / interoperable datasets and modelling tools / mandatory reporting / climate stress testing / overcoming key challenges in practice to further embed adaptation
Dr Andrew Russell, Lecturer, Environmental Science, Queen Mary University of London
Harriet Phillips, Senior Audit Manager, Environment and Climate Insights, National Audit Office
Sarah Birch, Climate Change Resilience and Adaptation Lead, Surrey County Council
Senior representative, risk modelling/standards
Senior representative, regulation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **The role of insurance in climate adaptation - affordability, availability and approaches to managing risk**
Leah Ramoutar, Director, Environmental Sustainability, Aviva
- 10.30 **Next steps for funding, investment and delivery of climate adaptation and resilience in the UK**
closing the adaptation funding gap / mobilising public and private finance / investment signals and regulatory incentives / the value of early action and potential to reduce future costs / assessing avoided costs and whole-life asset considerations / long-term funding sustainability and value for money / workforce and skills needs / delivery capacity and funding certainty across national and local bodies
Senior representative, consultancy
Senior representative, innovation
Senior representative, investment
Senior representative, adaptation project
- 10.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.15 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.20 Break
- 11.30 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.35 **Climate risk and adaptation planning across UK infrastructure - the 2°C planning assumption, systemic risks and adaptation standards**
Senior commentator
- 11.45 **Communities, critical sectors, public services and preparedness**
impacts of heat, flooding and water stress on communities and essential services / public awareness of climate risk and behaviour change / continuity of essential services under climate stress / schools, hospitals and public infrastructure / community preparedness / inequalities in exposure and vulnerability / supporting community-level action / public engagement initiatives / local government capacity, skills and funding / responsibilities for local adaptation planning and delivery
Hana Morel, Head of Climate Change, Historic England
Katie Glaze, Director, Sustainability, Brookbanks
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, community organisation
Senior representative, business
- 12.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.35 **Delivering long-term climate adaptation and resilience - priorities, responsibilities, evidence and developing NAP4**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum