

Westminster eForum policy conference:
The future for digital and cryptoassets in the UK
Timing: Morning, Monday, 12th May 2025
*****Taking Place Online*****



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Professor David Skeie, Professor, Finance, Warwick Business School, University of Warwick
- 9.05 **Key considerations for policy and market development of digital and cryptoassets in the UK**
Anu Widyalandara, Director, Payments Strategy and Technology, EY
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Supporting a robust and fair market for cryptoassets and decentralised finance**
assessing legislative proposals in the draft Cryptoasset Order / sector sustainability / strategies for tackling market abuse / consumer protection / design and implementation of trading platform rules / enhancing privacy and security / distinguishing between stable and speculative assets / future relationship with mainstream financial institutions / promoting investor and market confidence
Laura Feldman, Barrister, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer; Lecturer, Private Law, University of Oxford; and Visiting Professor, Law, King's College London
Jonathan Benton, CEO, iSanctuary
Laura Navaratnam, Head, UK Policy, Crypto Council for Innovation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Assessing implications for businesses and individuals of the Property (Digital Assets etc) Bill**
Professor Sarah Green, Professor, Law, University of Bristol; Head, Digital Assets and Trade Finance, D2 Legal Technology; and former Law Commissioner for Common and Commercial Law (2020-2024)
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Professor David Skeie, Professor, Finance, Warwick Business School, University of Warwick
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Thomas Howard, Westminster eForum
- 11.15 **Use cases for tokenisation**
Alistair Milne, Professor, Financial Economics, Loughborough Business School, Loughborough University
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Widening the adoption of crypto technologies in mainstream financial markets**
opportunities for growth and market transformation / supporting innovation in financial markets / blockchain and distributed ledger technology / improving payments efficiency / cross-border payments / tokenisation and cyber security / creation and management of digital tokens / operation of the Digital Securities Sandbox / applications of AI / opportunities for stablecoins to bridge the gap between decentralised and traditional finance
Niki Beattie, Chair, ClearToken
Leks Doyin-Salau, Senior Manager, Financial Services, KPMG
Rachel James, Head, Strategy, Transformation and Public Policy, Fidelity
Martin Etheridge, Senior Vice President, Product Development, Blockchain and Digital Assets, Mastercard
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Priorities for the regulation of cryptoassets in the UK**
Matthew Long, Director, Payments and Digital Assets, Financial Conduct Authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster eForum closing remarks**
Laura Feldman, Barrister, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer; Lecturer, Private Law, University of Oxford; and Visiting Professor, Law, King's College London
Thomas Howard, Westminster eForum