

Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum policy conference:

Next steps for food policy in England - implementation, growth, public health, affordability and resilience

Timing: Morning, Friday, 6th November 2026

Taking Place Online



Draft agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Assessing recent developments in food policy and priorities for the food system**
Professor Guy Poppy, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Research and Innovation, University of Bristol
Questions and comments from the floor
- Policy coordination, implementation and long-term sector growth**
- 9.25 **Priorities for the Farming and Food Partnership Board - coordination, collaboration and development of sector growth plans**
Senior representative, food system
- 9.35 **Key issues for the farming sector - profitability, investment, land use and productivity**
Senior representative, farming
- 9.45 **Supporting workforce capacity, competitiveness and sector employers**
Senior representative, food industry
- 9.55 **Coordinating food, farming and environment policy - frameworks, governance, evidence and delivery**
Mar Maestre, Lead Managing Consultant, ICF
- 10.05 **Using data, evidence and spatial planning tools to support decision-making in the food system**
Senior representative, data
- 10.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 **Healthier food environments - priorities for public health, affordability and the food sector**
balancing public health objectives with food affordability and consumer choice | proposals for mandatory healthy food sales reporting and the Review of the Nutrient Profiling Model | practical implications of healthier food standards for producers, manufacturers and retailers | reformulation challenges and opportunities across different food categories | future direction of food labelling and consumer information requirements | place-based approaches to improving access to nutritious food and reducing dietary inequalities | strategies for measuring impact and assessing sustained changes in purchasing patterns and diet | managing tensions between public health, cost and supply chain sustainability
Councillor Dr Wendy Taylor, Cabinet Member, Integrated Health and Adult Social Care, Newcastle City Council; and Chair, Health and Wellbeing Committee, Local Government Association
Barbara Crowther, Campaign Manager, Children's Food Campaign, Sustain
Senior representative, food manufacturing
Senior representative, retail
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **Building food system resilience - climate adaptation, land use and food security**
balancing food production, climate objectives and wider land use pressures | practical delivery of climate adaptation measures across farming and food supply chains, including soil and water management | responding to increasing climate, prolonged drought conditions and pressures on water availability | implications of climatic and geopolitical volatility for domestic production, imports and food security | protecting productive agricultural land while addressing demands from nature recovery, renewable energy and development | role of spatial planning and land use frameworks in supporting long-term decision-making | improving access to data and evidence to support resilience planning and evaluation | supporting investment in resilience across farms and supply chains, and reducing reliance on costly inputs
Lucas Daglish, Sustainability Manager, British Meat Processors Association
Judicaelle Hammond, Director, Policy and Advice, Country Land and Business Association
Sarah Laidler, Global Practice Area Head, Agriculture, Food and Drink, Carbon Trust
Senior representative, climate
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Next steps for food policy in England**
Senior speaker confirmed from the **Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs**
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Jessica Lear, Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum