

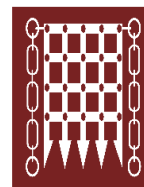
Westminster Energy, Environment, & Transport Forum policy conference:

Next steps for nuclear fusion energy in the UK

Timing: Morning, Friday, 23rd October 2026

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Ravensdale
- 9.05 **Implementing the UK Fusion Strategy 2026 - priorities for policy, governance and delivery**
David Sandford, Deputy Director, Fusion Energy Team, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Strategic priorities for fusion energy delivery, planning and regulation**
implementation of the UK Fusion Strategy 2026 and UKAEA Strategy 2026-2030 / roles and coordination across DESNZ, UKAEA and UK Fusion Energy / funding certainty, delivery milestones and assessing progress towards prototype deployment / strategic research, technology and whole-plant integration priorities / planning, regulation and consenting for first-of-a-kind facilities / development of EN-8 and potential integration of fusion projects into the NSIP regime / siting, environmental assessment, land use and delivery of associated infrastructure / local and regional engagement / implementation of the Health and Safety Executive Regulation Action Plan: Growth Goals
Catherine Howard, Partner, Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer
Senior representative, industry
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, technology
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Taking forward the UKAEA Strategy 2026-2030 - research, engineering and industrial priorities**
Dr Tim Bestwick, Interim Chief Executive, UK Atomic Energy Authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Ravensdale
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 **Sovereign capability, supply chain development and international collaboration - key priorities**
Dr Michael Zdanowski, Chair, Fusion Industry Taskforce
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Investment, infrastructure and commercial pathways**
priorities for public and private investment / revenue, ownership and risk-sharing models / attracting private capital as fusion energy moves towards prototype and commercial deployment / financing prototype-enabling infrastructure, testing facilities and whole-plant design capability / investment certainty and funding beyond current programme periods / commercialisation of publicly supported intellectual property / technology transfer, licensing and manufacturing scale-up / retaining economic value in the UK and developing export opportunities
Dr Robbie Scott, Chief Scientist, UPLIFT
Stuart Allen, CEO, Fusion X
Senior representative, consultancy
- 11.45 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 **Advancing UK fusion energy innovation and priorities for deployment**
Dr Ross Morgan, Commercial Director, Tokamak Energy
- 12.10 **Industrial capability, research, skills and enabling technologies for fusion energy deployment**
UK industrial and sovereign capability, including priorities for strategically important technologies and supply-chain resilience / prototype-enabling technologies and subsystem integration, including magnets, materials, robotics and the fusion fuel cycle / opportunities for UK suppliers, specialist SMEs and advanced manufacturers, including procurement, supplier readiness and domestic subsystem development / workforce priorities across engineering, manufacturing, fusion science and digital disciplines / apprenticeships, specialist training and collaboration between universities, industry and national laboratories / international collaboration, commercial competition and UK positioning in future fusion markets
Dr Colin Baus, Global Vice President, Research and Commercialisation, UK Head and Director, Kyoto Fusioneering
Gary Reed, Technical Director, Fusion and Modular Nuclear, Assystem
Dr Aneeqa Khan, Lecturer, Nuclear Materials, School of Engineering, The University of Manchester
Senior representative, fusion developer
- 12.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.50 **Next steps for STEP delivery and the pathway to commercial fusion energy**
Paul Methven, CEO, UK Fusion Energy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.15 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum