Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:
Next steps for natural capital in England - decision-making, investment and markets
Timing: Morning, Thursday, 14th January 2027
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8.30 Registration

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

9.05 **Assessing England's natural capital - evidence and baselines**
David Jones, Senior Responsible Officer, Natural Capital and Ecosystem Assessment Programme, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

9.15 **'Measuring natural capital accounts in England'**
Sonia Carrera, Head, Natural Capital Accounts, Office for National Statistics

9.25 **Land use and environmental outcomes - participation, implementation and stewardship**
Environmental Improvement Plan and Land Use Framework implementation | multifunctional land use: nature recovery, food production, housing and infrastructure | landscape-scale delivery | Environmental Land Management schemes and Sustainable Farming Incentive: participation, advice, transaction costs, tenancy and long-term commitments | partnerships and supply aggregation | public and private funding: stacking, bundling and avoiding double counting | Environmental Delivery Plans and Nature Restoration Fund: first Norfolk EDP, strategic mitigation, evidence and conservation measures | Biodiversity Net Gain reform and NSIP extension | nutrient neutrality and Marine Recovery Fund | implications for developers, land managers and suppliers
Emma Toovey, Chief Nature Officer, Environment Bank
James Byrne, Head, Green Finance, The Wildlife Trusts
Digby Sowerby, Managing Director, Environmental Farmers Group
Senior representative, developers

9.45 Questions and comments from the floor

10.10 **Priorities for nature recovery - targets, delivery and capacity**
Senior speaker confirmed from **Natural England**
Questions and comments from the floor

10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian

10.40 Break

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10.55 **Financing environmental outcomes - public and private investment, disclosure and demand**
progress towards government ambitions for private investment in nature recovery | priorities for place-based nature finance set out in the Growing Places policy paper | investment pipeline and availability of investible projects | NAO scrutiny of schemes intended to leverage private finance | appropriate uses of public funding and private capital: blended finance and risk-sharing | factors affecting voluntary investment alongside regulatory frameworks | project viability: long-term delivery, permanence and allocation of risk | UK Sustainability Reporting Standards and quantification of sustainability-related risks and opportunities | Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures and implications for investment decisions | regulated investment and insights from the Water Industry National Environment Programme
Carl Atkin-House, Head, Natural Capital Strategy, Climate Asset Management
Senior representative, water sector
Senior representative, business
Senior representative, legal
Questions and comments from the floor

11.40 **Nature and carbon markets - considerations for demand, integrity and standards**
scale and reliability of voluntary demand | role of compliance mechanisms and other policy levers in supporting market demand | relationship between voluntary and compliance markets | reducing risk and uncertainty for buyers and suppliers | integrity of credits, robust baselines and measurement, reporting and verification | permanence, claims and avoiding double counting | adoption of the BSI Nature Investment Standards | biodiversity and nutrient-market standards and further standards in development | Woodland Carbon Code, Peatland Code and applications for ICVCM recognition | UK Land Carbon Registry and market infrastructure | stacking, insetting and the relationship between environmental credits and value-chain action | greenwashing risk and claims
Dr Matthew Jordon, Chief Scientific Officer, Regenerate Outcomes
Senior representative, market regulation
Senior representative, business
Senior representative, investment
Senior representative, consultancy
Questions and comments from the floor

12.30 **Priorities for carbon and nature markets - investment, demand and delivering environmental outcomes**
Dr Will Lockhart, Deputy Director, Nature Markets and Investment, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
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