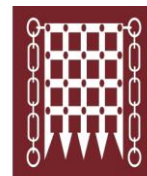


Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference
Next steps for wind energy in the UK - market frameworks and development, scaling up connectivity and capacity, and opportunities for regional economies

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Wera Hobhouse MP, Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Energy and Climate Change
- 9.05 **Assessing policy priorities for UK wind sector development and practical steps for achieving goals - preparing the infrastructure, reducing integration barriers, and working towards net-zero**
Graeme Cooper, Director, Offshore Wind Projects, National Grid
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Next steps for market framework design and creating rules that support 40GW of wind capacity by 2030**
The next round of Contracts for Difference auctions and what is needed to reduce barriers engagement and increase competitiveness
Nick Blair, Head of Scheme Management, Low Carbon Contracts Company
Scaling up wind power use across energy supply, supporting retail market decarbonisation, and widening consumer choice and new tariff models
Clementine Cowton, Director - External Affairs, Octopus Energy
Addressing challenges to expanding wind power capacity, restarting onshore projects, and enabling offshore assets to support emerging technologies such as floating wind
Melanie Onn, Deputy Chief Executive, RenewableUK
Priorities for developing the investment case for wind sector engagement - underpinning market stability, de-risking investment, and enhancing project profitability
Andrew Smith, Director, Greenbackers Investment Capital
- 10.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Chair's closing remarks**
Wera Hobhouse MP, Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Energy and Climate Change
- 10.30 Break
- 10.40 **Chair's opening remarks**
Andrew Smith, Director, Greenbackers Investment Capital
- 10.45 **'Meeting the challenges of scaling up wind energy output - an engineering perspective on how the wider energy and electricity systems need to change'**
Simon Harrison, Group Strategic Development Director, Mott MacDonald
- 10.55 **'Integrating offshore wind with energy balancing infrastructure'**
Bridgit Hartland-Johnson, Integrated Systems Innovation Manager, Project Development, Ørsted UK
- 11.05 **Latest thinking on reducing physical and regulatory barriers to energy system connectivity, and increasing grid flexibility and the provision of smart service**
Aileen Mcleod, Director, Business Planning and Commercial, SSEN Transmission
- 11.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 **Opportunities for regional economies from wind sector development - growing local supply chains and employment, building up use cases for UK ports, and leading in government plans for the Green Industrial Revolution**
Councillor Anouk Kloppert, Committee Member, Sustainability Committee and Councillor, Aberdeenshire Council
Simon Brett, Commercial Director, Port Services, Port of Tyne
Steve Jermy, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, WaveHub and Board Member, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership
- 11.50 **The future for innovating and commercialising wind technology - reducing technology costs, growing innovation clusters, and bringing the hydrogen economy closer**
Dr Olivia Woolley, Co-Director, Centre for Ethics and Law in the Life Sciences, Durham University
Andrew Macdonald, Senior Innovation Manager, Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult
Emma Andrews, Senior Associate, Burges Salmon
- 12.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Priorities for establishing effective policy tools, regulatory design, and a pathway to long-term energy and climate goals**
Fiona Mettam, Deputy Director, Renewable Electricity, BEIS
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Andrew Smith, Director, Greenbackers Investment Capital
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum