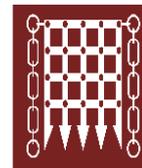


**Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:
Next steps for the UK nuclear industry - policy, regulation and market development**

Timing: Morning, Thursday 23rd October 2025

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Rt Hon Lord Howell of Guildford, former Secretary of State for Energy (1979-1981); Secretary of State for Transport (1981 -1983); and Minister of State for International Energy Policy (2010-2012)
- 9.05 **Nuclear regulation reform - priorities for the Nuclear Regulatory Taskforce**
John Fingleton, Lead, Nuclear Regulatory Taskforce
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Scaling-up nuclear capabilities in the UK - policy direction, industry development and financing priorities**
Josh Buckland, Strategy and Policy Director, EDF Energy
- 9.40 **Nuclear sector development and investment - regulation, financing models and strategic priorities**
planning reform and development of new nuclear sites | priorities for the Nuclear Regulatory Taskforce | support for accelerated project timelines | implications of direct government funding models following the recent £14.2bn commitment towards construction of Sizewell C | examining the RAB model for funding large projects | options for CfD and other potential alternatives | UK Green Taxonomy classification and potential impact on investment | examining how nuclear fits into the energy mix | nuclear contribution to the 2030 Clean Power Action Plan | Industrial Strategy and regional economic development | synergies with AI Growth Zones | priorities for domestic skills, training and supply chains | international relationships, collaboration and competitiveness | technology and innovation partnerships | learning from global finance and development examples | environmental impact assessment processes | balancing project delivery with environmental oversight requirements | potential for prioritising UK supply chains
Alex Minhinick, Partner, Burges Salmon
Kirsty Gogan, Managing Partner, LucidCatalyst; and Member, Nuclear Innovation Research and Advisory Board
Mark Buckton, Associate Director, Employment and Skills, Opergy Group
Jasbir Singh Sidhu, Managing Partner, Nuclear Capital; and former President, Nuclear Institute
Councillor Richard Rout, Cabinet Member, Devolution, Local Government Reform and NSIPs, Suffolk County Council
- 10.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Priorities for nuclear regulation - capacity building, modernisation and stakeholder coordination**
Senior representative regulation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 **Chair's closing remarks**
Rt Hon Lord Howell of Guildford, former Secretary of State for Energy (1979-1981); Secretary of State for Transport (1981 -1983); and Minister of State for International Energy Policy (2010-2012)
- 11.10 Break
- 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.25 **Delivering nuclear development - technology deployment, infrastructure integration and operational challenges**
SMR implementation plans following selection of Rolls-Royce as the preferred bidder | advanced reactor developments | options for streamlining procurement and planning processes | implications for domestic manufacturers & supply chains | grid integration and system balancing capabilities | baseload capabilities and system flexibility alongside renewable energy sources | strategies to extend the operational life of existing plants | timeline and impact of new developments including Hinkley Point C and the recently funded Sizewell C | safety and cybersecurity risk mitigation strategies | regulatory oversight and improved compliance in delivery | public communication and trust in nuclear safety measures | community engagement and taking account of local concerns, including planning opposition | addressing decommissioning challenges | long-term waste storage strategies | incentives such as community benefits for hosting nuclear infrastructure | fusion technology development and UKIFS funding | feasibility of delivering prototype fusion plants by 2040
Clive Nixon, Group Chief Nuclear Strategy Officer, Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
Senior representative, SMR
Senior representative, grid integration
Senior representative, fusion
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.15 **Nuclear policy coordination - strategy for energy security and stakeholder roles**
Senior representative, policy
- 12.25 **Programme delivery for new nuclear - technology selection, site development and stakeholder coordination**
Senior representative, nuclear development
- 12.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.05 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum