Westminster eForum policy conference:

Decarbonising the UK tech industry *Timing: Morning, Friday, 20th June 2025*

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8.30	Registration

9.00 Chair's opening remarks

Lord Howell of Guildford, Chair, Windsor Energy Group

9.05 Assessing the impact of the tech sector on the UK's carbon footprint, and priorities for policy and stakeholder action

Senior commentator

9.20 Progress and key considerations for decarbonising the tech industry

implications of the Government's AI Opportunities Action Plan | expectations from the AI Energy Council | priorities for realising the energy needs of AI | options for increased emissions reporting | emerging innovative solutions for tech decarbonisation

Dr Aaron Zhao, Lecturer, Computer Engineering, Imperial College London **Ravi Vekaria**, Digital and Tech Sector Coordinator, The Carbon Literacy Project

Senior representative, industry Senior representative, technology

9.45 Questions and comments from the floor

10.05 Priorities for fostering robust regulatory and legal frameworks in the sector

Stuart Okin, Director, Cyber Regulation and Al, Ofgem

Questions and comments from the floor

10.30 Chair's closing remarks

Lord Howell of Guildford, Chair, Windsor Energy Group

10.35 Break

10.45 Chair's opening remarks

Senior Parliamentarian

10.50 <u>Industry initiatives targeted at improving the sustainability of data centres</u>

Senior representative, industry

11.00 Next steps and implementation priorities for achieving decarbonisation in the tech industry

assessing the potential benefits of small modular nuclear reactors | implications of government plans to overhaul planning rules for nuclear reactors | priorities for the Nuclear Regulatory Taskforce | role of local government in tech decarbonisation | priorities for using data centres as heat sources | investing in renewable energy sources | priorities for integrating circularity in the tech industry

Professor Fiona Charnley, Co-Director, Centre for Circular Economy, University of Exeter Business School

Daryl Elfield, Partner, KPMG

Mike Crawforth, Strategy and Business Development Manager, Rolls-Royce SMR

Senior representative, investment

11.25 Questions and comments from the floor

11.50 The role of UK tech in achieving wider industry sustainability goals

Sarah Mackintosh, Director, Cleantech for UK Senior representative, devolved policy Questions and comments from the floor

12.30 Next steps for policy in supporting decarbonisation in the tech industry

Professor Paul Monks, Chief Scientific Advisor, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 Chair's and Westminster *e*Forum closing remarks

Senior Parliamentarian

Thomas Howard, Westminster eForum