

## Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:

### Next steps for the UK's rail network

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Lord Bradshaw**, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Rail
- 9.05 **Delivering rail reform in the UK - the current state of play**  
**Jonny Mood**, Director of Transport Value for Money, National Audit Office  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 **Priorities for delivering a reliable rail network**  
*Performance and efficiency | Passenger satisfaction | Addressing disruption to passengers from industrial action | Franchising and passenger service contracts | Ticketing and achieving value for money*  
**Mick Whelan**, General Secretary, Aslef  
**Natasha Grice**, Director, Transport Focus  
**Tammy Samuel**, Partner, Rail, Stephenson Harwood  
Senior representative, train operator  
Senior commentator  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 **Priorities for the Draft Rail Reform Bill and the UK rail sector**  
Senior representative, policy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chairs closing remarks**  
**Lord Bradshaw**, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Rail
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior parliamentarian
- 11.00 **Alternative options for UK rail policy**  
Senior commentator  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.20 **Next steps for growing the UK rail freight sector**  
Senior representative, freight
- 11.30 **Protecting and future-proofing UK rail infrastructure**  
*Environmental priorities | Asset renewal | Developing innovation and technology | Financing priorities*  
**Professor Paul Plummer**, Professor of Rail Strategy, University of Birmingham  
**Robert Cook**, Policy Director, Railway Industry Association  
Senior representative, environment  
Senior representative, rolling stock
- 11.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.05 **'ORR's periodic review of Network Rail - a platform for investment and a customer-focused railway in uncertain times'**  
**Will Godfrey**, Director of Economics, Finance and Markets, Office of Rail and Road
- 12.20 **Priorities for implementing Network Rail's Control Period 7 delivery plan**  
**Paul McMahon**, Director, Planning and Regulation, Network Rail
- 12.35 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