

**Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum Keynote Seminar:
Policy priorities for flood management in England - infrastructure, responsibilities and local strategies**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 3rd November 2015

Venue: The Caledonian Club, 9 Halkin Street, London SW1X 7DR



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Rt Hon the Lord Whitty
- 9.05 - 9.15 **Assessing the current approach to flood protection**
Professor David Balmforth, President, Institution of Civil Engineers
- 9.15 - 9.25 **Latest progress and next steps in adapting to climate change**
Daniel Johns, Head of Adaptation, Committee on Climate Change
- 9.25 - 9.35 **Developing advanced forecast and warning systems and opportunities for innovative technologies**
Graeme Boyce, Strategy and Development Coordinator, Flood Forecasting Centre, Met Office
- 9.35 - 9.45 Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.45 - 9.55 **Examining the prospects for sustainable flood infrastructure**
Nicola Clay, Director, Environment, Royal HaskoningDHV
- 9.55 - 10.05 **The role of water companies in managing flood risk**
Jonathan Glerum, Flood Risk Manager, Anglian Water
- 10.05 - 10.15 **Protecting against surface water flooding - asset maintenance and managing local environment**
Innes Thomson, Chief Executive, Association of Drainage Authorities
- 10.15 - 10.25 **Update on the Flood Re scheme and what customers should expect**
Brendan McCafferty, Chief Executive Officer, Flood Re
- 10.25 - 10.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 - 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Rt Hon the Lord Whitty
- 10.45 - 11.10 Coffee
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Bakewell of Hardington Mandeville, House of Lords Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Housing
- 11.15 - 11.40 **Progress towards delivering Flood Risk Management Plans and update on latest Environment Agency schemes**
Neil Davies, Deputy Director of Strategy Delivery, Flood and Coastal Risk Management, Environment Agency
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 - 12.30 **Developing local flood strategies: partnership funding, community engagement, and business collaboration**
Sarah Diacono, Programme Manager, Somerset Flood Action Plan and Senior Manager, Somerset Rivers Authority
Paul Cobbing, Chief Executive, National Flood Forum
Jane Burch, Flood & Coastal Policy Manager, Suffolk County Council
Andrew Clark, Director of Policy, National Farmers' Union
Peter Dartford, Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive, Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Policy priorities moving forwards**
Neil Hornby, Deputy Director, Flood Risk Management, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Baroness Bakewell of Hardington Mandeville, House of Lords Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Housing
Peter van Gelder, Director, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum