

Policy Forum for Northern Ireland keynote seminar

Next steps for energy policy in Northern Ireland

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Dr Caoimhe Archibald MLA, Chair, Committee for the Economy, Northern Ireland Assembly
- 9.05 **Policy priorities for the Northern Ireland Energy Strategy and setting a pathway for meeting long-term climate and energy goals**
Thomas Byrne, Director, Energy Strategy, Department for the Economy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Approaches to meeting decarbonisation targets and the design of the Climate Change Bill**
Dr Inna Vorushylo, Project Lead, Zero-IN on NI Heat
- 9.45 **Commercialisation and the clean economic recovery - scaling up renewables deployment, developing emerging technologies, public and private engagement, and skills and R&D priorities**
Rachel Anderson, Chair, Northern Ireland Renewables Industry Group
Senior representative, trade association
Senior representative, gas
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, university
- 10.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Chair's closing remarks**
Dr Caoimhe Archibald MLA, Chair, Committee for the Economy, Northern Ireland Assembly
- 10.35 Break
- 10.45 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly
- 10.50 **Competitive and affordable energy markets - widening the supplier base, fair tariff systems and consumer costs, and next steps for tackling fuel poverty in NI**
Professor Neil Hewitt, Head of Belfast School of Architecture & the Built Environment, Ulster University
Michael Legg, Head of Energy Policy, The Consumer Council
Senior representative, energy supplier
Senior representative, energy efficiency
Senior representative, consultancy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 Break
- 11.50 **Improving whole-system resilience in NI - network capacity for distributed resources, non-generation technologies, and interconnection with ROI**
Alan Campbell, Interim Managing Director, System Operator for Northern Ireland (SONI)
Terence Donnelly, Group Executive Chairman, Donnelly Group
Senior representative, distribution network
- 12.20 **Developing regulatory frameworks fit for the energy transition, market developments and a modernised energy system**
John French, Chief Executive, Utility Regulator
- 12.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Northern Ireland closing remarks**
Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly
Jack Longman, Senior Researcher, Policy Forum for Northern Ireland