

**Policy Forum for Northern Ireland keynote seminar**  
**Next steps for energy policy in NI - the Energy Strategy, just transition, modernisation, security of supply, customers, and the future market**

*Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 1st March 2022*

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Sinead McLaughlin MLA**, Deputy Chair, Committee for the Economy
- 9.05 **The Northern Ireland Energy Strategy 2050 - key priorities for implementation**  
**Thomas Byrne**, Director, Energy Strategy, Department for the Economy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 Break
- 9.40 **The pathway to achieving a just energy transition in Northern Ireland**  
**Professor John Barry**, Professor of Green Political Economy and Co-Director of the Centre for Sustainability, Equality and Climate Action, Queens University Belfast
- 9.50 **Responding to the Strategy, issues for implementation and the next steps in decarbonising the energy sector - short- and long-term goals, scaling up renewables deployment, and the future roles of key stakeholders**  
**Paul Stapleton**, Managing Director, Northern Ireland Electricity  
**Rachel Anderson**, Chair, RES UK and Ireland  
**Angela Moffatt**, Negotiations Officer, Prospect  
Senior representative, energy supplier  
Senior representative, business
- 10.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Sinead McLaughlin MLA**, Deputy Chair, Committee for the Economy
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Mike Nesbitt MLA**, Member, Committee for the Economy
- 11.00 **Priorities for security of supply and infrastructure modernisation**  
**Mark Foley**, Group Chief Executive, EirGrid  
**David Butler**, Director, SGN  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 Break
- 11.45 **The NI energy market - customer prices, tackling fuel poverty, and the way forward for ensuring equality in delivery**  
**Pat Austin**, Director, National Energy Action  
**Niall Martindale**, Director of Regulation and Pricing, Firmus Energy  
**Noyona Chundur**, Chief Executive Officer, Consumer Council for Northern Ireland  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Next steps for protecting the short- and long-term interests of consumers**  
**John French**, Chief Executive, Utility Regulator  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Northern Ireland closing remarks**  
**Mike Nesbitt MLA**, Member, Committee for the Economy  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Northern Ireland