

Policy Forum for Northern Ireland keynote seminar
The future for Northern Ireland energy policy - the energy strategy and net zero targets, security of supply, and the impact on industry and consumers

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 18th November 2020



Draft Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
John Stewart MLA, Member, Committee for the Economy
- 9.05 - 9.30 **Energy Policy in Northern Ireland - key priorities for the energy strategy**
Senior speaker confirmed from the **Department for the Economy**
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 10.20 **The role of the energy sector in meeting the 2050 net zero targets**
Dr David Joffe, Head of Carbon Budgets, Committee on Climate Change
Dr Inna Vorushylo, Project Lead, Zero-IN on NI Heat
Rachel Anderson, Chair, Northern Ireland Renewables Industry Group
Charles Sheldon, Director, Foresight Group
Senior speaker confirmed from **Phoenix Natural Gas**
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 - 10.30 **Next steps for the development of the grid and interconnectors**
Jo Aston, Managing Director, SONI
- 10.30 - 11.10 **Ensuring security of supply and effective infrastructure to meet future energy needs**
Senior representative, supply
Senior representative, infrastructure
Questions and comments from the floor from **Jo Aston**, Managing Director, SONI
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chair's closing remarks**
John Stewart MLA, Member, Committee for the Economy
- 11.15 - 11.40 Coffee
- 11.40 - 11.45 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly
- 11.45 - 12.05 **Challenges for the market in the energy transition**
Jenny Pyper, Chief Executive, Utility Regulator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.05 - 12.55 **Balancing priorities - costs, competition and fuel poverty**
Pat Austin, Director, National Energy Action Northern Ireland
Paulino Garcia, Head of Energy Policy, The Consumer Council
Senior representative, business
Senior analyst
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Northern Ireland closing remarks**
Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Northern Ireland