

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

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
John Stewart MLA, Member, Committee for the Economy
- 9.05 **Energy policy in Northern Ireland - key priorities for the Energy Strategy**
Thomas Byrne, Director, Energy Strategy, Department for the Economy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **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, RenewableNI
Charles Sheldon, Director, Foresight Group
Jonathan Martindale, Director of Business Development, Phoenix Natural Gas
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 Break
- 10.30 **'Towards 2030 and a Clean Energy System for Northern Ireland'**
Alan Campbell, Interim Managing Director & Head of Infrastructure Projects and Connections, SONI
- 10.40 **Ensuring security of supply and effective infrastructure to meet future energy needs**
Andrew Ryan, Partner, Planning, Environment and Clean Energy, TLT Solicitors
- 10.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 **Chair's closing remarks**
John Stewart MLA, Member, Committee for the Economy
- 11.10 Break
- 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**
Sinead McLaughlin MLA, Deputy Chair, Committee for the Economy
- 11.25 **Challenges for the market in the energy transition**
Kevin Shiels, Director of Retail Markets, Utility Regulator
- 11.35 **Key priorities for the energy transition in Northern Ireland a suppliers perspective**
Marguerite Sayers, Executive Director, Electric Ireland
- 11.45 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 Break
- 12.05 **Balancing priorities - costs, competition, innovation and fuel poverty**
Pat Austin, Director, National Energy Action Northern Ireland
Richard Halsey, Capabilities Director, Energy Systems Catapult
Jonathan Pollock, Network Development Manager Designate, Northern Ireland Electricity Networks
Don McGarrigle, Northern Ireland Manager, Major Energy Users Company
Michael Legg, Head of Energy Policy, The Consumer Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Northern Ireland closing remarks**
Sinead McLaughlin MLA, Deputy Chair, Committee for the Economy
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Northern Ireland