

Westminster Business Forum policy conference:

Next steps for growth in the UK FinTech sector

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Key developments in the UK FinTech landscape and priorities for supporting firms**
Jasmin De Freitas, Manager, FinTech/RegTech Intelligence, Innovation, Financial Conduct Authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Assessing the regulatory conditions needed to support innovation and growth in the FinTech ecosystem**
smart data provisions in the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025 | testing through the Smart Data Accelerator | scale-up regulation and ScaleUp Unit priorities | regulatory engagement and early interventions for firms | cross-regulatory coordination and clarity of supervisory expectations | supporting innovation alongside consumer protection | Financial Services Growth and Competitiveness Strategy implementation | commercial models and liability allocation for expanded data sharing | the Payments Forward Plan and payments oversight | implications of the EU Digital Operational Resilience Act for UK firms | sequencing and coordination of multiple regulatory initiatives as policy moves from strategy into delivery
Wendy Saunders, Partner and Co-Head, Financial Services, Lewis Silkin
Brittany Koné, UK Government Relations Lead, Affirm
Senior representative, SME
Senior representative, regulation
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Next steps for development of a regulatory regime for cryptoassets in the UK**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 **Key considerations for consumer protection - emerging products, financial inclusion, and consumer understanding**
Senior representative, consumers
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Innovation, commercial opportunities, and the development of Smart Data and open finance**
Senior representative, data
- 11.40 **Practical steps for supporting start-ups, scale-ups, and high-growth companies - investment, skills, and regional development**
access to early stage and growth capital including pathways to scale through PISCES and private markets | strengthening regional FinTech clusters, mayoral funds and local investment ecosystems | tackling barriers to international expansion and attracting inward investment | commercialisation and market access for emerging firms | improving digital and data skills across the FinTech workforce | procurement and partnership opportunities | strengthening collaboration between research and industry | AI Champion and cluster champions programmes | insights from regional mapping exercises | sector readiness for cybersecurity threats and projects to close resilience gaps | conditions for UK firms to scale and compete internationally
Iain Baillie, Founder and Director, Asset Match
Senior representative, FinTech
Senior representative, investment
Senior representative, regions
- 12.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for the UK's FinTech sector**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Thomas Howard, Westminster Business Forum