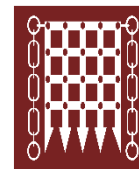


Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:

Next steps for tackling flooding and coastal erosion in England

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Brown, Chair, Adaptation Committee, Climate Change Committee
- 9.05 **The Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy - assessing progress and priorities**
Julie Foley, Director, Flood Risk Management Strategy and National Adaptation, Environment Agency
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Flood defence and resilience - priorities for infrastructure investment, funding and delivery**
approaches to optimising funding allocations between asset maintenance and new infrastructure | FCERM funding reform and scheme prioritisation | implications of simplified funding models for local investment | incorporating social vulnerability and risk factors alongside financial metrics | mitigating risks of large-scale schemes | strategies for attracting private capital | addressing surface flood risk, upgrading sewerage and drainage infrastructure | alignment of Drainage and Wastewater Management Plans with flooding risk objectives | implications of the Water White Paper for infrastructure investment, maintenance and renewal | use of digital tools and AI for asset management and early warning | supporting innovation and natural flood management
Senior representative, water sector
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, drainage
Senior representative, infrastructure
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Adapting to flood and coastal risk - community preparedness, land use, resilience and insurance**
options for encouraging property resilience, including the Property Flood Resilience Repair Grant scheme and flood insurance schemes | lessons from the Flood Re scheme and priorities for transition in the UK insurance market | strengthening property flood resilience measures | strategies for supporting vulnerable groups | implications of revisions to the NPPF for land use | integration of Land Use Framework priorities into development decisions | progress of Coastal Adaptation Pilots and options for adaptation | improving awareness and preparedness in communities
Jaap Flikweert, Director, Water Governance and Strategy, Haskoning; Coastal Representative, Anglian Regional Flood and Coastal Committee
Senior representative, insurance
Senior representative, community
Senior representative, planning
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.10 **Chair's closing remarks**
Baroness Brown, Chair, Adaptation Committee, Climate Change Committee
- 11.15 Break
- 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness McIntosh, Member, Environment and Climate Change Committee
- 11.30 **Nature-based flood defences - considerations for investment, scaling up and delivery**
Claudine Blamey, Chief Sustainability Organiser, Aviva; and Chair, FloodAction Coalition
- 11.40 **Governance of the water environment - catchment-based approaches and system coordination**
governance for a strategic, system-wide approach | roles, responsibilities across and coordination across national and regional delivery partners | strengthening arrangements for oversight and accountability | supporting catchment-based approaches and integrated water management | implications of reform to water governance and regulation for coordination and collaboration | priorities for natural flood management schemes | demonstrating value and maximising benefits, including climate adaptation and resilience, biodiversity, and water security | supporting targets in the Environmental Improvement Plan | alignment of flood policy and objectives with the National Adaptation Programme
Stephen Elderkin, Director, Environmental Sustainability, National Highways
Senior representative, flood authority
Senior representative, nature-based solutions
Senior representative, regional water authority
- 12.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Flood and coastal risk policy - priorities going forward**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Baroness McIntosh, member, Environment and Climate Change Committee
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum