

## Westminster Energy Forum (WEF) Summary 2020-21

### Mission:

**‘To review, evaluate and share intelligence on the risks and opportunities associated with a range of energy and climate transition pathways for common strategic benefit in pursuit of national Net Zero goals.’**

The WEF is a Knowledge Exchange Programme that convenes specific networks of senior stakeholders who are responsible for the design and delivery of UK energy, climate and sustainability strategies out to 2050 and beyond. It provides unique insight and value as a business intelligence service by addressing the UK’s strategic challenges in an integrated way that cuts across typical silos.

The WEF delivers a blended programme of 8 cross-sectoral seminars (or webinars) by invitation for an expert community of c.1000. Established in 2004, the WEF provides important continuity for this range of specialist ‘clean growth’ communities who are drawn from the public sector, industry, investors, research and NGOs. The current WEF programme is divided into two workstreams that focus on:

- Climate Risk and Corporate Strategy
- Energy Industries in Transition

### Programme Objectives:

- **Monitor** the international dynamics of global energy market forces, geopolitics and environmental trends, and the implications for the UK Net Zero agenda of these.
- **Analyse** the risks to the delivery of various governmental and industrial pathways that are designed to support decarbonisation, clean growth and energy security agendas.
- **Inform** stakeholders responsible for the strategic resilience of industry, society and environment on the emerging risks affecting national energy and sustainability targets.

### Key Deliverables:

- **A unique programme** of integrated, expert discussions and pathfinding risk analysis driven by informed knowledge exchange among expert practitioners.
- **Actionable intelligence** for participants generated within a confidential, invite-only environment that is politically and technology agnostic.
- **Continuity** for participating organisations over time, and confidence in outputs, via an actively-managed and established senior network.

### **Strategic Themes that define the scope of the WEF Programme include:**

1. Scientific Contexts of Climate Change and Developments in Modelling
2. Geopolitics of Climate Change and the Dynamics of International Energy Transitions
3. Development and Delivery of UK Energy and Climate Policies, Regulation & Finance
4. Innovation & Technologies required to deliver a Sustainable 'Net Zero' Economy
5. Corporate Strategy and Evaluating the 'Licence To Operate' in the context of Net Zero

### **Membership Benefits:**

The WEF maintains a comprehensive network of key UK and international practitioners and its programme is well supported by senior policymakers who regard it as a trusted space for meaningful debate. The WEF maintains a roster of c.80 private sector members whose annual subscriptions allow us to provide spaces *gratis* for the 100 wider public and NGO sector stakeholder organisations who make up the rest of the UK value chain to ensure that everyone key to the debate can participate readily.

Corporate Members of the WEF are entitled to attend all of the WEF's programme of events, and to transfer their 1-3 places per event within their organization, to ensure that the appropriate representatives attend on each occasion. Should Members wish to have more delegates at any particular session and fewer at another we will accommodate this, and we aim to make additional places available on occasions where requested.

Attendance at the physical WEF events, held under the Chatham House Rule, provides members with an important networking opportunity, while webinars provide a larger Forum in which Members may invite up to 10 delegates each. All event resources are made available to participants, and retained on the WEF website. Informal, private discussions between Members and participants in the wider WEF network are regularly facilitated by the Director and his team, and informal ad hoc advisory support is also available for Members who may wish to 'sense check' any prominent issues in the energy and climate debate.

The WEF website, [www.westminsterenergy.org](http://www.westminsterenergy.org), gives further information. Member company logos appear here as a corporate supporter of WEF and on associated published materials and on our website, and provides detailed agendas on forthcoming events.

### **WEF 2020-21 Diary held with senior Govt and Regulatory officials**

<b>06 Nov</b>	UK Power & Networks Strategy in the Context of Net Zero
<b>09 Dec</b>	UK Upstream & Gas Strategy in the Context of Net Zero
<b>27 Jan</b>	Climate Risk & Corporate Strategy: COP26 curtain-raiser
<b>10 Feb</b>	The Materiality of Nuclear for Global Net Zero & COP26
<b>20 Apr</b>	UK & International Climate Risk Assessments & Nautre-Based Solutions
<b>25 May</b>	Renewables Sector Review - Accelerating development in Power, Heat & Transport
<b>14 Jul</b>	Annual UK Climate Policy & Net Zero Review
<b>Sept, Oct</b>	Double Climate Session – pre-COP curtain raisers
<b>Nov, Dec</b>	Powergen, Networks & Upstream Reviews