Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:
Beyond 'smart cities' - next steps for connected places policy and implementation in the UK
Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 13th September 2023
Taking place online

Agenda subject to change

8.30   Registration

9.00   **Chair's opening remarks**
            Dr Michaela Nelson, Head of Future Telecoms and Digital Connectivity, Department for Transport

9.05   **Examining latest developments in the evolution of connected places - what will be needed to achieve ambitions for benefits to society, the environment, and the economy**
            Sam Markey, Ecosystems Director, Place Leadership, Connected Places Catapult
            Questions and comments from the floor

9.30   Break

9.35   **Connected places across different geographies - delivery across rural and urban contexts, and developing a people-centred approach**
            Kerry Booth, Chief Executive, Rural Services Network
            Stephen Jones, Director, Core Cities UK
            Questions and comments from the floor

10.00   **Assessing the opportunities and challenges - enhancing climate action, strengthening communities, the capacity to address inequalities and support vulnerable people, and integrating health and wellbeing**
            Cassie Sutherland, Managing Director, Climate Solutions and Networks, C40 Cities
            Clare Sheffield, Director of Transport Planning, UKIMEA Cities Planning and Design, Arup
            Dr Emma Stone, Director of Evidence and Engagement, Good Things Foundation
            Dr Henry Chan, Associate Director, Buro Happold
            Questions and comments from the floor

10.50   Break

11.10   **Innovative use of data in connected places - transport, public health and safety, and the environment**
            Jenny Millard, Associate Director, KPMG

11.20   **Digital infrastructure - government strategy, data and cyber security, procurement and service delivery, standards and interoperability, coordination across sectors and regions, and addressing privacy concerns**
            Stephen Douglas, Head of Market Strategy, Spirent Communications; and Working Group Advisory Member, UKTIN
            Sophie James, Head of Telecoms & Spectrum Policy, techUK
            Nick Wiggin, Head of Partnerships, Freshwave
            Dr Igor Calzada, Principal Investigator and Research Fellow Ikerbasque, University of the Basque Country, and Cardiff University
            Raj Mack, Head of Digital City and Innovation, Birmingham City Council

11.45   Questions and comments from the floor

12.25   Break

12.30   **Next steps for connected places policy and implementation**
            Holly Creek, Acting Director, Digital Infrastructure, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology
            Questions and comments from the floor

12.55   **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
            Dr Michaela Nelson, Head of Future Telecoms and Digital Connectivity, Department for Transport
            Holly Attwell, Senior Researcher, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum