

**Policy Forum for Wales Keynote Seminar**  
**Priorities for energy policy: ensuring a flexible grid network, renewables and the evolving role of local authorities**

*Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018*

*Venue: Central Cardiff*



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Assembly Member
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Policy priorities for energy in Wales**  
**Lesley Griffiths AM**, Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs, Welsh Government  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.35 **Developing a flexible grid network and managing transition to an increasingly renewable supply**  
**Hêdd Roberts**, Head of Customer & Commercial, National Grid  
**Benjamin Godfrey**, Network Strategy Team Manager, Western Power Distribution  
**Professor Wade Allison**, Emeritus Professor of Physics and Fellow of Keble College, University of Oxford  
**Ross Fairley**, Partner and Head of Energy, Power and Utilities, Burges Salmon  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 - 11.05 **Community ownership of energy and the evolving role of local authorities in energy**  
**Robert Proctor**, Business Development Manager, Community Energy Wales  
Senior speaker confirmed from **The Green Valleys**  
Senior representative, local authority  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 - 11.10 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Assembly Member
- 11.10 - 11.35 Coffee
- 11.35 - 11.40 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Simon Thomas AM**, Member, Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee
- 11.40 - 12.00 **The next steps for regulation in the Welsh energy market**  
**Steven Edwards**, Director of Regulation and Commercial, Wales & West Utilities  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 - 12.55 **Meeting the 2030 renewable energy target - opportunities and challenges ahead**  
**Dr Nina Skorupska**, Chief Executive, Renewable Energy Association  
**Kevin Bygate**, Chief Executive Officer, SPECIFIC  
**Henry Dixon**, Chairman, North Wales Tidal Energy  
**Steven Edwards**, Project Manager, SP Energy Networks  
**Abid Kazim**, UK Managing Director, NextEnergy Capital  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**  
**Simon Thomas AM**, Member, Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee  
**Peter van Gelder**, Director, Policy Forum for Wales