

Decarbonising Homes for Better Health: Levelling Up via the Energy Transition

Appendix 2 - Speaker Biographies



Chair: Mr Clive Betts MP, Labour MP for Sheffield South East & Chair of The Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Commons Select Committee Mr. Betts is the Labour Member of Parliament for Sheffield South East, and an Officer of the APPCOG. Prior to entering the House of Commons, Mr Betts was a Sheffield City councillor from 1976 to 1992. From 1992 to 2010, he was the Member of Parliament for Sheffield Attercliffe. Mr Betts is Chair of the Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Commons Select Committee. Mr Betts is also the Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Arm's Length Management Organisations. Alongside a career in politics, Mr Betts has served as an economist at the Trade Union Congress and worked for a number of local councils.

Lord Duncan of Springbank, Conservative Party, Deputy Chairman of Committees (Lords) Lord Duncan was Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy from July 2019 to February 2020. He was also Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. He was Parliamentary Under Secretary of State in the Scotland Office from June 2017 to July 2019 and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Wales between June and October 2017. Lord Duncan launched Carbon Connect's Uncomfortable Home Truths report in 2019 as Climate Change Minister and subsequently co-chaired the Pipeline to 2050 report in 2020.



Baroness Finlay of Llandaff, Deputy Speaker, Deputy Chairman of Committees (Lords), APPCOG Co-Chair, Chair of the CO Research Trust Baroness Finlay FMedSci, Baroness Finlay of Llandaff is a Welsh doctor, professor of palliative medicine, an Independent Crossbench member of the House of Lords, and Co-chair of the APPCOG. A professor of palliative medicine, Baroness Finlay has had a long-standing interest in promoting carbon monoxide safety in and out of Parliament. Baroness Finlay currently serves as Deputy Speaker and Deputy Chairman of Committees in the House of Lords. She is a past president of the Royal Society of Medicine. She is a professor of palliative medicine at Cardiff University School of Medicine and is consultant at the Velindre cancer centre in

Cardiff. On 28 June 2001, she was made a life peer as Baroness Finlay of Llandaff. She is currently a Vice President of Marie Curie, Patron of The Trussell Trust's foodbank network in Wales, and the Motor Neurone

Disease Association, as well as is also a co-chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Health and the Parliamentary Group on Dying Well.

Dr Danielle Butler, Senior Research and Policy Officer at National Energy Action [NEA]

Dr Danielle Butler is Senior Research and Policy Officer at leading fuel poverty charity National Energy Action and Trustee and Founder of the Fuel Poverty Research Network. In recent years, Danielle's work has focused on the lived experience of fuel poverty among 'at risk' groups, considering key factors such as householder age and rurality. She is particularly interested in the role of social relations and the design and development of energy-related advice and support. Danielle has worked extensively with a wide range of research funders, partners and other key stakeholders including government, the health sector, statutory, and third sector organisations, both in the UK and beyond. She holds a number of related external positions, including Academic Advisor to the International Energy Agency's Task 24 on engaging hard to reach energy users.



Sophia Haywood, Director of Public Affairs at Liquid Gas UK

Sophia is Liquid Gas UK's lead on all public policy and lobbying activity. She is responsible for building relationships with policy makers and influencers across the four UK nations, in order to effectively inform policy and regulation on behalf of the LPG Industry. Through Sophia's work Liquid Gas UK Members' voices are heard across a wide scope of policy areas including energy, transport, low carbon heat and industrial carbonisation; signalling the key role LPG and bioLPG can play in the future energy mix. Sophia developed and launched the 2040 Vision to demonstrate the industry's ambition to meet Net Zero, and raise the profile of LPG and bioLPG among the media and policy makers.

Dan Meredith, Senior Manager - External Affairs, E.ON

Dan is an energy policy specialist and has worked in the energy industry on policy, communications and political affairs for more than 20 years. Trained in a background of ecology and environmental science, he joined Powergen's corporate environment team in the 1990s, and then went on to work in windfarm development for Powergen and E.ON before moving to a Government affairs role, working in Brussels and Munich as well as in London. Between 2010 and 2015, Dan worked for RWE and npower on strategic communications, representing the company in the media, before moving back to E.ON to lead their Public Affairs team in 2015.



Beatrice Barleon, Head of Policy and Public Affairs at EngineeringUK

Beatrice joined EngineeringUK in February 2020. In this role, she works closely with EngineeringUK's research team, and communicates the organisation's research findings and recommendations to policymakers and other external stakeholders. Before coming to EngineeringUK Beatrice has worked in the charity sector for over 10 years in a range of policy, campaigning and public affairs functions. Over the years, she has worked on a range of issues from women's representation in politics to improving employment opportunities for disabled people, including access to apprenticeships. Beatrice is passionate about improving employment and skills opportunities for all.

