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Agenda

Time	Session
09:00	Registration, refreshments and networking
09:45	Welcome Address Rob Hancock, Assistant Director for Housing, Economic Growth and Planning, Suffolk County Council
09:50	Influence, Insight, Impact: Opportunities for local authorities in major infrastructure Jan Bessell, RTPI President and Strategic Planning Adviser, Pinsent Masons
10:10	NSIP Reform Implementation and what this means for Local Authorities Anna Payne, Head of DCO Consenting Policy and Aimee Smith, Policy Lead – Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project Team, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG)
10:25	DESNZ's new Post Consent Unit under the Nuclear Regulatory Review David Wagstaff OBE, Deputy Director, Energy Infrastructure Planning Delivery, Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ)
10:40	Panel Discussion: Future of NSIP Regime Chaired by Jan Bessell, RTPI President and Strategic Planning Adviser, Pinsent Masons Panellists: • Jamie Childs, Planning Solicitor and Partner, Howes Percival • David Wagstaff OBE, Deputy Director, Energy Infrastructure Planning Delivery, Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) • Isaac Nunn, NSIP Team Leader, Norfolk County Council • Dave Elvin, Chief Development Officer, Island Green Power
11:25	Refreshments and networking
11:55	Open Discussion on Cost Recovery and System Improvements Led by National Infrastructure Planning Association (NIPA) • Matt Fox, Legal Director, Pinsent Masons LLP • Joanna Camille-St.Marie, Lawyer, National Grid • Garreth Bruff, Principal Consultant and Martin Hutchings, Principal Adviser, Performance and Improvement, Planning Advisory Service (PAS)

13:00	Lunch and networking
14:00	Legal Update on NSIPs Emyr Thomas, Partner and Parliamentary Agent, Sharpe Pritchard LLP
14:20	Experience of a Local Authority Engaging with a Reservoir Scheme George Gurney, Principal Strategic Planner (NSIPs), Oxfordshire County Council
14:35	Importance of Quality of Communications and Leadership in Delivering NSIPs Philippa Garden, Senior Associate Director, Jacobs
14:50	Sizewell C: Local Authority lessons from first 2 years of construction Michael Moll, Head of Programmes and PMO, Suffolk County Council and Martyn Fulcher, Head of Energy Planning and Coastal Management, East Suffolk Council
15:10	Closing Remarks Rob Hancock, Assistant Director for Housing, Economic Growth and Planning, Suffolk County Council
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