

**Staffordshire Chambers' of Commerce – Energy, Environment & Sustainability
(EES) forum**

'This forum is tasked with exchanging information on energy, environmental concerns and sustainability within the private sector. Driving our policy understanding on energy efficiency and environmental sustainability and promoting the development of a sustainable economy in Staffordshire.'

Date of meeting	Tuesday 4th March 2025
Venue	Converge Solutions
Number of attendees	8
Agenda topics	<p><u>Update on Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Climate Commission</u> – Appeal from co-Chair (Judith Smith), who urged more businesses to join the Climate Commission, which was launched by a panel of countywide leaders in sustainability. The panel decided that simply raising awareness of the importance of sustainability was no longer acceptable and a call was made for businesses, community groups and residents to take decisive climate action.</p> <p>Businesses are acknowledging the importance of taking action at a local level, aligning with the global objective of mitigating the adverse impacts of climate change but Judith appealed for more businesses to get involved and shape the future role of the Climate Commission, by sending an e-mail to:</p> <p>info@staffordshireclimate.com</p> <p><u>Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)</u> – Legislation is being rolled out, with the aim of asking producers to meet the costs of managing and recycling the packaging waste they produce. Whilst we recognise the aspirations of EPR in trying to reduce excessive packaging and improve packaging recyclability and reusability, some of our members have expressed fears about the financial impact of EPR and potential damage to future innovation of packaging. Further campaign work to follow – Keep an eye on Daily Focus and Chamber e-newsletter.</p>

	<p>Future topics for EES forum – Discussion focused on future topics for EES forum. Suggestions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)Update on progress of Staffordshire COP
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Date/time of next EES forum: Tuesday 10th June 2025, 9AM to 11AM.

In person at Staffordshire Chambers' of Commerce (Commerce House – ST1 5BE) –
or attend remotely through Teams

If you have any questions about our EES forum, please contact:

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