

Workshop on Water Industry Performance and Cost Assessment

Centre for Productivity and Performance
Loughborough University, Loughborough UK
Wednesday May 23rd, 2018

10:30 Registration and Coffee

11:00	Welcome - Professor Steve Rothberg - Pro Vice-Chancellor for Research, Loughborough University Introduction and Setting the Context for the Workshop – Professor David Saal , Loughborough University	
	Water Industry Performance – Lessons from Different Countries and Ownership/Regulatory Models <i>Chairperson- Professor David Parker, Cranfield University</i>	
	Rob Francis Frontier Economics	<i>Productivity Improvement in the Water and Sewerage Industry in England since Privatisation: A Report for Water UK published in December 2017</i>
	Professor David Saal Loughborough University	<i>Profits and Productivity in the Privatised English and Welsh Water and Sewerage Companies:1990-2015</i>
	Professor Takuya Urakami Kindai University, Japan	<i>Notes from a Different Island: Performance and Policy Issues in the Municipally Owned Japanese Water and Sewerage Sector</i>
	Alan Sutherland Water Industry Commission for Scotland	<i>Features, Achievements and Lessons from Scotland’s Public-Ownership Model for Water and Sewage Services</i>
	Sir Ian Byatt Frontier Economics	<i>A Former Regulator’s Perspective on Developments, Performance and Outcomes in the English and Welsh Water Sector since Privatisation</i>

13:00 Lunch

14:00	Water Industry Cost Assessment for 2019 Academic, Industry, and Regulatory Perspectives <i>Chairperson-Professor Monica Giuliatti, Loughborough University</i>	
	Oliver Walker Vivid Economics	<i>The Use of Econometric Evidence for Wholesale Wastewater Cost Assessment</i>
	Dr Maria Nieswand and Professor Pablo Arocena , Loughborough University, Public University of Navarra, Spain	<i>Modelling Wastewater Botex Costs with an Average System Model: An Example of Why We Need Integrated Regulatory Cost Assessment</i>
	Dr Anthony Glass and tba Loughborough University and Economic Insight	<i>Benchmarking Retail Costs</i>
	15 minute within session coffee break	
	Andrew Snelson Anglian Water	<i>Anglian Water’s Phase 2 Cost Assessment Models for PR 2019</i>
	Tony Ballance Severn Trent Water	<i>The Role of Cost Modelling in Setting Prices: How and when does Econometrics Provide Understanding of What Drives Costs?</i>
	Ynon Gablinger Ofwat	<i>The Role of Cost Modelling in Setting Prices – A Regulator’s Perspective</i>
16:15	Workshop Round Table -Implications and Outcomes for PR 2019 and Beyond <i>Chairperson- Janet Wright, Sladen Wright Associates</i>	
	Participants: Professor David Parker -Cranfield University , Alan Horncastle – Oxera Consulting, Professor David Saal – Loughborough University, Sir Ian Byatt -Frontier Economics	

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