



THE ANNUAL CITY WATER DEBATE SPONSORED BY THE WET 10

The fourth annual City Water Debate, sponsored by the 'WET 10,' took place on Monday 5 March at Farmers' and Fletchers' Hall. The WET 10, who actually currently number 13, are a group of Livery Companies with a common interest in the health of the water environment. The guest speakers were Professor Sir John Beddington, the Government's Chief Scientific Adviser and Lord Redesdale the Liberal Democrat peer.

Sir John presented a gripping and cogently argued overview of the serious water issues facing the world which are aggravated by climate change and the hugely expanding world population especially in Africa and Asia. Rupert Redesdale particularly highlighted the need for UK water consumers and providers, and the industry regulator OFWAT, fully to embrace sustainability. There was a wide range of questions from the various Livery Company representatives and their guests. Tom Heap of BBC Radio 4 attended and undertook interviews afterwards for a planned future edition of Costing the Earth.

Commenting afterwards Colin Drummond, Chair of the WET 10 said, "The annual City Water Debate demonstrates the breadth of the Livery movement bringing together senior representatives from users and suppliers of water, from the Farmers and Gardeners through to the Plumbers and Water Conservators. We are an increasingly respected voice in the water and environment debate".

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