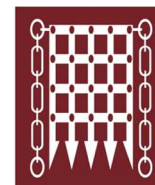


Westminster Business Policy Forum Keynote Seminar: The future for the UK retail industry - transforming high streets, adapting to changing consumer preferences and utilising latest technology

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 25th April 2019

Venue: Central London



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 - 9.50 **Key challenges for retailers: responding to rising costs, technology and shopping habits**
Sue Rissbrook, Head of Retail, PwC
Helen Dickinson, Chief Executive, British Retail Consortium
Dr Diane Savory, Chair, GFirst
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.50 - 10.40 **Reimagining high streets in the bricks and clicks era - business rates relief, the Future High Streets Fund and developing a high-skilled workforce**
Professor Joshua Bamfield, Director, Centre for Retail Research
Dan Simms, Co-Head of Retail Agency, Colliers International
Michael Weedon, Portfolio Chair, Retail & High Street Policy Unit, Federation of Small Businesses
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, training provider
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 - 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.45 - 11.15 Coffee
- 11.15 - 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.20 - 11.35 **What is needed to enhance an omni-channel retailing experience? The consumer journey from online to offline**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
- 11.35 - 12.35 **Reimagining the store - evolving consumer preferences, new technologies, retail strategies and changing the nature of the shopping experience**
Dr Tim Denison, Director of Retail Intelligence, Ipsos Retail Performance
Senior representative, high street retailer
Senior representative, internet retailer
Senior representative, shopping centre
Questions and comments from the floor with senior speaker to be confirmed
- 12.35 - 12.55 **Where next for government policy on high streets and the retail industry?**
Sir John Timpson, Chair, Timpson and Chair, Town Centre Expert Panel
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Helen Crocker, Senior Researcher, Westminster Business Forum