Westminster Legal Policy Forum keynote seminar:

Next steps for tackling shoplifting and retail crime in England and Wales

Timing: Morning, Monday, 10th June 2024

Taking place online

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8.30 Registration

9.00 Chair's opening remarks

Ian Paisley MP, Vice Chair, Retail Crime, Safe and Sustainable High Streets APPG

9.05 The current retail crime landscape - addressing the key issues for small retailers, and priorities for moving forward

James Lowman, Chief Executive, Association of Convenience Stores

Questions and comments from the floor

9.30 Assessing the Retail Crime Action Plan

Protecting retail staff | Improving training for retailers | Policing and resource priorities | Implications of possible displacement of retail crime | Cross-sector collaboration | Addressing possible societal factors influencing the nature and prevalence of retail crime

Amanda Blakeman, Chief Constable, North Wales Police; and Lead for Acquisitive Crime, NPCC

Paul Gerrard, Campaigns and Public Affairs Director, Co-op

Professor Adrian Beck, Emeritus Professor, School of Criminology, University of Leicester

Linda Barker, Consultant Crime Duty Solicitor, Duncan Lewis

Senior representative, local authority

Questions and comments from the floor

10.15 Alternative approaches to tackling retail crime

Senior representative, policy

Questions and comments from the floor

10.40 Chair's closing remarks

Ian Paisley MP, Vice Chair, Retail Crime, Safe and Sustainable High Streets APPG

10.45 Break

10.55 Chair's opening remarks

Liz Twist MP, Shadow Minister for Levelling Up, Housing, Communities and Local Government

11.00 The policing and business partnership - assessing the parameters of the Pegasus initiative

Katy Bourne OBE, Police and Crime Commissioner, Sussex

11.10 <u>Implementation best practice</u>

Hotspot policing | Models for collaboration | Implementation of technology including CCTV and facial recognition | Improving data sharing and collaboration | Priorities for funding

Benedict Selvaratnam, Store Owner, Freshfields Market Dan Norris, Mayor, West of England Combined Authority Mark Johnson, Advocacy Manager, Big Brother Watch Steven Kinnon, Contracts Manager, Triton Security

Senior speaker confirmed from Trust Payments

11.35 Questions and comments from the floor

11.55 Effective sanctions and proportionality

Considering current sanctions | Assessing the impact of the reduction of short-term prison sentences | Priorities for effective deterrent strategies

Paddy Lillis, General Secretary, Usdaw

Senior representative, legal

Senior commentator

Questions and comments from the floor

12.30 Policy priorities for tackling shoplifting and retail crime

Chris Philp MP, Minister of State for Crime, Policing and Fire, Home Office

Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 <u>Chair's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum closing remarks</u>

Liz Twist MP, Shadow Minister for Levelling Up, Housing, Communities and Local Government **Sean Cudmore**, Westminster Legal Policy Forum