

**Westminster Social Policy Forum conference:  
Next steps for building safety regulation in England**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Key developments in building safety policy and regulation in England, and considerations going forward**  
**Dame Judith Hackitt**, Chair, Building Control Independent Panel; and Chair, Industry Safety Steering Group  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 **Advancing fire safety following the Grenfell Inquiry**  
Senior representative, fire safety
- 9.35 **Assessing next steps - implementation of the Grenfell Inquiry Phase 2 Report, accountability and oversight, and embedding a culture of safety**  
*implementing report recommendations / strengthening resident engagement and transparency / improving accountability and oversight / practicalities for standards enforcement and product safety oversight / considerations for fire safety oversight and regulatory transition / proposals for a single Construction Regulator and Chief Construction Adviser / updating fire safety guidance, including Approved Document B / mandating accreditation for fire safety professionals / redefining higher-risk buildings based on use and vulnerability*  
Senior representative, developer  
Senior representative, social housing  
Senior representative, legal  
Senior representative, construction
- 10.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Examining progress in delivering cladding remediation and stakeholder priorities for accelerating removal**  
*progress under the Remediation Acceleration Plan / new statutory duties and enforcement responsibilities in the forthcoming Remediation Bill / identifying and prioritising buildings with dangerous cladding / ensuring developer accountability and leaseholder protections / improving sector coordination and delivery enforcement / streamlining funding / mitigating impacts of removal on residents and supporting engagement and redress / establishing clear timescales and enhancing resident experience / key considerations for leasehold and commonhold ownership models*  
**Theresa Mohammed**, Partner, Watson Farley and Williams  
**Clare Gibb**, Director, Transformation and Building Safety, Bristol City Council  
Senior representative, social housing  
Senior representative, residents  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 Break
- 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.25 **Next steps for regulatory oversight, enforcement, and supporting industry through gateway processes**  
**Neil Hope-Collins**, Operational Policy Lead, High-Risk Building Control Authority, Health and Safety Executive  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **Navigating the approvals process and aligning pre-construction planning with regulatory expectations**  
**Adam Nicholson**, Group Pre-Construction Director, McLaren Construction Group
- 11.55 **Strengthening local authority capacity and performance, and supporting the Building Safety Regulator**  
**Dr Lorna Stimpson**, Chief Executive, Local Authority Building Control
- 12.05 **Meeting requirements in the Building Safety Act - addressing challenges for delivery and priorities for regulatory oversight**  
*ensuring compliance with statutory duties / coordinating responsibilities between the Building Safety Regulator, local authorities and other enforcement bodies / improving consistency in regulatory interpretation and enforcement / best practice for navigating the gateway process / early identification of safety and regulatory issues in planning / balancing safety with housing delivery and addressing outstanding barriers / potential for Fast Track processes to support delivery / impact of the Building Safety Levy on development viability / supporting digital infrastructure and local authority readiness for implementation*  
Senior representative, architect  
Senior representative, safety management  
Senior representative, surveyor
- 12.20 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.45 **Priorities for the future of building safety regulation and implementing the Government's response to the Grenfell Inquiry**  
Senior representative, policy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.10 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Harry Nelson**, Westminster Social Policy Forum