

Westminster Social Policy Forum keynote seminar:

Priorities for building safety in the UK

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 30th January 2024

Taking place online



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Helen Hodgson, Director, Housing, Communities and Local Government Value for Money, National Audit Office
- 9.05 **The building safety landscape following the Building Safety Act 2022**
Jane Duncan OBE, Consultant, Jane Duncan Architects; former President RIBA; and Chair, RIBA Fire Safety Panel
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **The new building safety regime - key issues in the current climate and looking toward the future**
Tim Galloway, Deputy Director, Building Safety Programme, Health and Safety Executive
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.00 **Key issues for public buildings - RAAC and asbestos, refurbishment, costs, and next steps**
Robert Gould, FRICS, Partner, Barker
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Priorities in the post-Grenfell environment**
Professor Anna Stec, Professor in Fire Chemistry and Toxicity, University of Central Lancashire
- 10.25 **Assessing the impact of the Building Safety Act 2022 - preparation for regulatory changes, legacy issues for existing buildings, addressing costs and liability for fire safety, risk management, and resident perceptions of long standing issues**
Amanda Stubbs, Partner, Trowers and Hamlin
Kieran Cooke, Principal Consultant, Moorhouse Consulting
Ben Leonard, Policy and Research Officer, Acorn the Union
Timothy Douglas, Head of Policy and Campaigns, Propertymark
- 10.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.20 **Chair's closing remarks**
Helen Hodgson, Director, Housing, Communities and Local Government Value for Money, National Audit Office
- 11.25 Break
- 11.35 **Chair's opening remarks**
Panagiotis Stavrakakis, Sector Manager, Construction and Built Environment, HSE Science and Research Centre
- 11.40 **Examining key issues with project development - new HRBs, understanding the nature of client duties, Mandatory New Home Build Warranties, and possible inflation of development costs under new obligations**
Colin Blatchford-Brown, Director, Blatchford Brown
Jon Pagan, Head of Technical, Kiwa Fire Safety Compliance
Steve Evans, Head of Technical Operations, National House Building Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 **Next steps for policy**
Camilla Sheldon, Deputy Director, Building Safety Reform Policy and Implementation, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**
Panagiotis Stavrakakis, Sector Manager, Construction and Built Environment, HSE Science and Research Centre
Alice Burgess, Senior Researcher, Westminster Social Policy Forum