**Westminster Legal Policy Forum conference:**
**Next steps for conveyancing and property transaction reform in England**
*Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 8th December 2026*
*****Taking place online*****

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8.30 Registration

9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian

9.05 **Latest developments and implications of reform on the home buying and selling process**
**Jordan Turner**, Senior Lecturer, University of the Built Environment
Questions and comments from the floor

9.30 **HMRC tax adviser registration - responsibilities, compliance and implications for conveyancers**
**Leigh Sayliss**, Partner, Tax, Lawrence Stephens; and Chair, Property Taxes Committee, Chartered Institution of Taxation

9.40 **Assessing priorities for property transaction reform - upfront information, responsibility and earlier commitment**
*implications of the Government's Home Buying and Selling Reform Roadmap* | *strengthening upfront property information and earlier commitment in the transaction process* | *liability, the conveyancer's role, responsibility for preparing, verifying and relying on property information* | *implementing the Law Society's TA6 reforms and the 2026 National Conveyancing Protocol update* | *implications for buyers and sellers relating to cost, certainty and safeguards under earlier binding commitments, including for property chains and complex transactions* | *collaboration across government, regulators and the property transaction chain* | *role of mandatory Codes of Practice and qualification requirements* | *adhering to HMRC's tax adviser registration requirements*
**Thom Wilkinson**, Partner, Residential Property, Bishop and Sewell
Senior speaker confirmed from **Propertymark**
Senior representative, lender
Senior representative, advisory

10.00 Questions and comments from the floor

10.30 **Modernising home buying and selling - property data, interoperability and digital adoption**
**Maria Harris**, Chair, Open Property Data Association; and Member, Smart Data Council, Department for Business, Innovation, Science and Trade
Questions and comments from the floor

10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian

11.00 Break

11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian

11.15 **Supporting regulatory reform across the sector - next steps and priorities for implementation**
**Sheila Kumar**, Chief Executive, Council for Licensed Conveyancers
Questions and comments from the floor

11.40 **Practical considerations for implementation - sector readiness, workforce and consumer outcomes**
*implementing reform across the conveyancing workforce* | *supporting digital adoption and access to data and technology across firms of different sizes* | *addressing workforce capacity, recruitment, skills and training needs* | *assessing application quality through HM Land Registry's support programme* | *improving collaboration between lenders and conveyancers on mortgage instructions, communication and transaction data* | *completion and post-completion issues including delay, fraud, client money and continuity where firms fail* | *consumer access, protection and confidence as transactions become more digital*
**Beth Rudolf**, Director, Delivery, Conveyancing Association
**Angela Hesketh**, Head, Government and Public Affairs, PEXA
**Vicki Redman**, Senior Associate, Switch
**David Bridge**, Head, Conveyancing, Kiteleys Solicitors
Senior representative, consumer
Questions and comments from the floor

12.30 **Policy priorities for conveyancing going forward**
**Victoria Latham**, Deputy Director, Housing, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
**Thomas Howard**, Westminster Legal Policy Forum