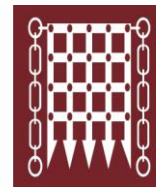


Westminster Social Policy Forum keynote seminar:

Next steps for high streets and towns in the UK

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 15th May 2024

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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Josie Gough, Head of South West Team, Cities and Local Growth Unit
- 9.05 **Key issues for high streets and towns**
Professor Malcolm Tait, Professor of Planning, University of Sheffield
- 9.20 **Long-Term Plan for Towns - assessing proposals for restoring and redeveloping high streets and town centres**
supporting high street competitiveness / promoting community safety and identity / priorities for housing and supporting employment
Catherine Palmer, Director, Regeneration Delivery, Walker Sime
Andrew Goodacre, CEO, British Independent Retailers Association
Councillor Boyd Elliott, Gedling Borough Council
- 9.45 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 **Alternative approaches to town centre development: regeneration and repurposing brownfield land**
Rick Lawrence, Partnerships Director, LCR Property
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Josie Gough, Head of South West Team, Cities and Local Growth Unit
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Owain Lloyd-James, Head of Local Government and Communities, Historic England
- 11.05 **Best practice and what can be learned from successful town development and regeneration initiatives**
Robert Lloyd Sweet, Senior Policy Advisor, Historic England
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 **Priorities and key issues for the High Streets Taskforce**
Margaret Dale, Board Member, High Streets Task Force
- 11.50 **Initiatives and strategies for addressing key challenges for town centre development**
transport and infrastructure / encouraging sustainable development / improving regional connectivity / economic regeneration
Kris Mackay, Commercial Director, Wellnorth Enterprises
Councillor Carl Smith, Great Yarmouth Borough Council
Professor Peijie Wang, Professor of Finance, Plymouth Business School
- 12.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.45 **Policy priorities for high streets and towns moving forward**
Jacob Young MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (pre-recorded contribution)
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**
Owain Lloyd-James, Head of Local Government and Communities, Historic England
Jessica Lear, Westminster Social Policy Forum