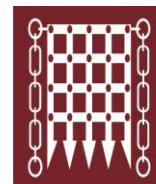


Westminster Social Policy Forum keynote seminar
Next steps for tackling homelessness and rough sleeping

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 25th February 2021

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Grender, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Private Rented Sector
- 9.05 **Homelessness and rough sleeping - the impact of the pandemic and emerging issues**
Professor Glen Bramley, Professor of Urban Studies, Institute for Social Policy, Housing and Equalities Research, Heriot-Watt University
Chris Wood, Assistant Director, Research, Policy and Public Affairs, Shelter
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.40 Break
- 9.45 **'Housing rough sleepers during the pandemic - implications for the future'**
Aileen Murphie, Director, MHCLG & Local Government Value for Money, National Audit Office
- 10.00 **Developing and delivering local approaches to homelessness reduction - key themes from the call for evidence on the Homelessness Reduction Act**
Simon Clark, Group Director, Housing, Sanctuary Housing Association
Mike Wright, Director of Homelessness, Manchester City Council
Councillor Sharon Thompson, Cabinet Member for Homes and Neighbourhoods, Birmingham City Council
Kevin Feazey, London Service Broker, The Big Issue Foundation
- 10.20 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
Baroness Grender, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Private Rented Sector
- 11.05 Break
- 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Nickie Aiken MP, Member of Parliament for Cities of London and Westminster
- 11.25 **Tackling rough sleeping in London during COVID-19**
David Eastwood, Rough Sleeping Lead, Greater London Authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 Break
- 11.55 **Reducing homelessness in Scotland - learning from best practice and engaging with the third sector**
Patrick McKay, Director of Operations, Turning Point Scotland
- 12.10 **Meeting the long-term housing needs of vulnerable people - the Housing First pilots, the pandemic, and strategies for collaborative working across housing, health, local authorities and third sector**
Cat Drew, Interim Chief Executive, The Design Council
Councillor Richard Clewer, Deputy Leader, Wiltshire Council
Rick Henderson, Chief Executive, Homeless Link
Ben Beadle, Chief Executive, National Residential Landlords Association
Beatrice Orchard, Head of Policy, Campaigns and Research, St Mungo's
- 12.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**
Nickie Aiken MP, Member of Parliament for Cities of London and Westminster
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Social Policy Forum