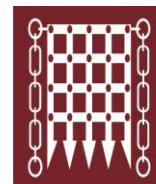


**Westminster Social Policy Forum keynote seminar**  
**Next steps for tackling homelessness and rough sleeping**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> 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  
Senior speaker confirmed from **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**  
**Margaret-Ann Brünjes**, Chief Executive, Homeless Network Scotland  
**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**  
**Hilary Cuddy**, Programme Lead, Homelessness, The Design Council  
**Councillor Richard Clewer**, Deputy Leader, Wiltshire Council  
**Rick Henderson**, Chief Executive, Homeless Link  
Senior representative, housing  
Senior representative, health
- 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