

**Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference**  
**Priorities for student housing - duty of care, inclusivity, and developments in policy, student expectations, and market conditions**

*Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020*



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 - 9.30 **The changing shape of student expectations and how the market can respond**  
Senior speaker confirmed from **Unite Students**  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 9.45 **'Complaints and redress: why students need effective measures'**  
**Martin Blakey**, Chief Executive, Unipol Student Homes
- 9.45 - 10.30 **Expectations and experiences - safety, regulation, and delivering value for money**  
**Dr Emily Walsh**, Principal Lecturer in Law, University of Portsmouth  
**David Smith**, Policy Director, Residential Landlords Association  
**Dr Dean Machin**, Strategic Policy Adviser, University of Portsmouth  
**Ansh Sachdeva**, President, University of Bolton Students' Union  
Senior representative, market analyst  
Questions and comments from the floor with senior speaker to be confirmed
- 10.30 - 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.35 - 11.00 Coffee
- 11.00 - 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 - 11.30 **The crucial first year - supporting students in the transition to living away from home**  
**Karen Burke**, Chair, Association for Student Residential Accommodation  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 - 11.40 **What students want - insights from research on students' views on renting**  
**Josephine Hansom**, Managing Director, Insight, YouthSight
- 11.40 - 12.30 **Inclusive approaches to accommodation - mental health and catering for the needs of different student characteristics**  
**Ken Dytor**, Foudler and Executive Chair, Urban Catalyst  
**Ben Channon**, Head of Wellbeing, Assael Architecture  
Senior representative, student housing provider  
Senior representative, students' union  
Senior representative, university student services  
Questions and comments from the floor with **Josephine Hansom**, Managing Director, Insight, YouthSight
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Improving the student housing experience - key policy priorities**  
**Dominic Kingaby**, Student Experience Policy Lead, Department for Education  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum