

Westminster Social Policy Forum keynote seminar

Next steps for the private rented sector

Timing: Morning, Thursday 3rd November 2022

Taking Place Online



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Young of Norwood Green, Vice Chair, All Party Parliamentary Group on Housing and Planning; and former Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Skills and Apprenticeships
- 9.05 **Challenges and opportunities for landlords in reforming the sector**
Chris Norris, Policy Director, National Residential Landlords Association
- 9.20 **Priorities for sector regulation - legal representation, providing transparency of information, and setting sector operating standards**
Theresa Wallace, Head of Compliance and Customer Services for Lettings, Savills
Russell Moffatt, Director & Co-Founder, Metastreet
Jacky Peacock OBE, Head of Policy, Advice4Renters
Leigh Pearce, Chief Executive, Nationwide Foundation
- 9.45 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.10 Break
- 10.20 **Case studies - strengthening the use of local authority powers for enforcement, management and regulation of the private rented sector**
Councillor Matt Noble, Cabinet Member for Climate Action, Regeneration & Renters, Westminster City Council
Councillor Darren Sanders, Cabinet Member for Housing and Preventing Homelessness, Portsmouth City Council
Councillor Owen Bierley, Leader, West Lindsey District Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Financial investments, supply of housing stock, and the role of lenders in the future of the private rented sector**
Timothy Douglas, Head of Policy and Campaigns, Propertymark
Ankita Saxena, Manager, Government and Enterprise, Social Finance
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Tackling poor quality rental properties - priorities for improving homes and facilities, energy efficiency and cost-effectiveness, addressing environmental health and risk concerns, and implementing sector-wide housing standards**
Anny Cullum, Strategic Development & Policy Officer, ACORN The Union
Russell Smith, Managing Director, Parity Projects; and Founder, RetrofitWorks
Dan Batterton, Head of Residential Investment, Legal & General Investment Management
Dr Jill Stewart, Senior Lecturer in Housing & Environmental Health, Middlesex University London; and Founding Member, Environmental Health Research Network
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.35 **Developing the new Ombudsman service for dispute resolution and tackling poor practice**
Rebecca Marsh, Ombudsman and Chief Executive, The Property Ombudsman
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**
Lord Young of Norwood Green, Vice Chair, All Party Parliamentary Group on Housing and Planning; and former Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Skills and Apprenticeships
Tiernan Phipps, Researcher, Westminster Social Policy Forum