

**Westminster Legal Policy Forum keynote seminar:
Next steps for tackling shoplifting and retail crime in England and Wales**

Timing: Morning, Monday, 10th June 2024

*****Taking place online*****



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Charlotte Hardie, Editor-in-Chief, Retail Week
- 9.05 **The current retail crime landscape - addressing the key issues for small retailers, and priorities for moving forward**
James Lowman, Chief Executive, Association of Convenience Stores
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Assessing the Retail Crime Action Plan**
Protecting retail staff | Improving training for retailers | Policing and resource priorities | Implications of possible displacement of retail crime | Cross-sector collaboration | Addressing possible societal factors influencing the nature and prevalence of retail crime
Amanda Blakeman, Chief Constable, North Wales Police; and Lead for Acquisitive Crime, NPCC
Professor Adrian Beck, Emeritus Professor, School of Criminology, University of Leicester
Linda Barker, Consultant Crime Duty Solicitor, Duncan Lewis
Councillor Naomi Tweddle, Council Leader, Lincolnshire Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Chair's closing remarks**
Charlotte Hardie, Editor-in-Chief, Retail Week
- 10.35 Break
- 10.45 **Chair's opening remarks**
Tanwen Dawn-Hiscox, Deputy Editor, The Guild of Fine Food
- 10.50 **Implementation best practice**
Hotspot policing | Models for collaboration | Implementation of technology including CCTV and facial recognition | Improving data sharing and collaboration | Priorities for funding
Benedict Selvaratnam, Store Owner, Freshfields Market
Dan Norris, Mayor, West of England Combined Authority
Mark Johnson, Advocacy Manager, Big Brother Watch
Steven Kinnon, Contracts Manager, Triton Security
Philip Chapman, Head of Commercial, Trust Retail
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **Effective sanctions and proportionality**
Considering current sanctions | Assessing the impact of the reduction of short-term prison sentences | Priorities for effective deterrent strategies
Paddy Lillis, General Secretary, Usdaw
Superintendent Patrick Holdaway, Lead of National Business Crime Centre, City of London Police
Patrick Howarth, Partner, Foot Anstey
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.35 **'Stealing with impunity? Policy priorities to tackle the retail crime epidemic'**
Professor Emmeline Taylor, Professor of Criminology, School of Policy and Global Affairs, City, University of London
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum closing remarks**
Tanwen Dawn-Hiscox, Deputy Editor, The Guild of Fine Food
Aissa Gaye, Westminster Legal Policy Forum