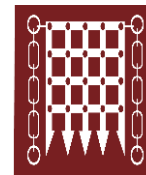


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**Next steps for tackling shoplifting and retail crime in England and Wales**  
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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentary
- 9.05 **The current retail crime landscape - 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  
**Paul Gerrard**, Campaigns and Public Affairs Director, Co-op  
**Professor Adrian Beck**, Emeritus Professor, School of Criminology, University of Leicester  
**Linda Barker**, Consultant Crime Duty Solicitor, Duncan Lewis  
Senior representative, local authority  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 **Alternative approaches to tackling retail crime**  
Senior representative, policy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentary
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentary
- 11.00 **The policing and business partnership - assessing the parameters of the Pegasus initiative**  
**Katy Bourne OBE**, Police and Crime Commissioner, Sussex
- 11.10 **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  
Senior representative, technology  
Senior representative, security  
Senior commentator
- 11.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 **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  
Senior representative, legal  
Senior commentator  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for tackling shoplifting and retail crime**  
**Chris Philp MP**, Minister of State for Crime, Policing and Fire, Home Office  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentary  
**Sean Cudmore**, Westminster Legal Policy Forum