

Westminster Legal Policy Forum keynote seminar:

Next steps for tackling retail crime and anti-social behaviour on high streets

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Key findings from the Justice and Home Affairs tackling shoplifting inquiry and implications for policy development**
Lord Foster of Bath, Chair, Justice and Home Affairs Committee
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Stakeholder priorities for tackling crime in retail environments and local communities**
assessing the direction of government policy | priorities for the Crime and Policing Bill | measures needed to effectively protect shop workers | tackling the rise in retail theft | thresholds and sanctions | stakeholder collaboration and what is needed from multi-agency working to tackle retail crime | options for technology and addressing privacy concerns
Superintendent Patrick Holdaway, Lead, National Business Crime Centre, City of London Police
Julie Nel, Director, B4 Secure
Paul Gerrard, Campaigns and Public Affairs Director, Co-op
Senior representative, trade union
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Strategies for moving forward on retail crime**
Professor Emmeline Taylor, Professor, Criminology, University of London
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 **Improving the use of multi-agency co-ordination to target retail crime - police-business partnerships**
Sophie Jordan, Manager, National Association of Business Crime Partnerships
Chief Constable Amanda Blakeman, NPCC Lead, Volume Crime, North Wales Police
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Assessing best practice and effective sanctions for anti-social behaviour on high streets**
rollout of neighbourhood policing initiatives and their current effectiveness | models for collaboration between key stakeholders | implementation and best practice in the use of technology | intelligence sharing and collaboration | resource and support priorities | rollout of Public Safety Protection Orders and assessing their potential impact | increasing police presence in communities and how it will affect local businesses
Rebecca Bryant, CEO, Resolve UK
Inspector Nathan Johnson, Head, Neighbourhood Team, Devon and Cornwall Police
Carmen Ceesay, Manager, Bristol Business Crime Reduction Partnership
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, legal
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for the government's safer street mission**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Legal Policy Forum