

Westminster Social Policy Forum keynote seminar

Next steps for social housing in England

Timing: Morning, Thursday 29th September 2022

Taking Place Online



Draft agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Priorities for the development of the social housing sector**
Darren Baxter, Senior Policy Advisor, Joseph Rowntree Foundation
- 9.15 **Taking forward the regulation of social housing**
Fiona MacGregor, Chief Executive, Regulator of Social Housing
- 9.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.45 **Implementation - potential impact of expanded legal duties and accountability to statutory bodies, achieving transparent operations, and opportunities for innovation and use of data to improve information and management**
Tonia Secker, Partner, Head of Affordable Housing, Trowers & Hamlins
Osama Bhutta, Director of Campaigns, Policy and Communications, Shelter
Senior representative, housing association
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 Break
- 10.25 **Engagement between housing associations and tenants - tackling disparities in the quality of social housing, working to ensure tenants' safety, security, wellbeing, and access to legal representation**
Donna McCarthy, Partner and Head of Housing Management & Property Litigation, Devonshires
Senior representative, housing association
Senior representative, tenants
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.10 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 Break
- 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Liz Twist MP, Co-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Housing and Social Mobility
- 11.30 **Improving the quality of social housing provision**
Leon Livermore, Chief Executive, New Homes Quality Board
- 11.40 **New social housing projects - costs, investor confidence, implementing new building regulations, and sector priorities for working with local authority and industry partners, and meeting the needs of local communities**
Councillor Linda Taylor, Leader, Cornwall Council
Gerraint Oakley, Executive Director for Growth and Development, Platform Housing Group
Steve Collins, Chief Executive, Rentplus
Senior representative, developer
- 12.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for social housing in England**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**
Liz Twist MP, Co-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Housing and Social Mobility
Peter van Gelder, Director, Westminster Social Policy Forum