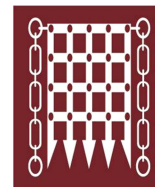


Westminster Business Forum Keynote Seminar: The future for the UK retail industry - transforming high streets, adapting to changing consumer preferences and utilising latest technology

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 25th April 2019

Venue: Central London



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Rt Hon the Lord McNally, Member, House of Lords Select Committee on Regenerating Seaside Towns
- 9.05 - 10.00 **Key challenges for retailers: responding to rising costs, technology and shopping habits**
Helen Dickinson, Chief Executive, British Retail Consortium
Dr Diane Savory, Chair, GFirst
Sue Rissbrook, Head of Retail, PwC
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.00 - 10.30 **The future of our high streets and town centres**
Jake Berry MP, Minister for the Northern Powerhouse and Local Growth
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 - 11.15 **Reimagining high streets in the bricks and clicks era - business rates relief, the Future High Streets Fund and developing a high-skilled workforce**
Professor Joshua Bamfield, Director, Centre for Retail Research
Alex Schlagman, Founding Partner, SaveTheHighStreet.org
Dan Simms, Co-Head of Retail Agency, Colliers International
Michael Weedon, Chair, Retail & High Street Policy Unit, Federation of Small Businesses
Councillor Graham Galpin, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Property, Ashford Borough Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.15 - 11.20 **Chair's closing remarks**
Rt Hon the Lord McNally, Member, House of Lords Select Committee on Regenerating Seaside Towns
- 11.20 - 11.45 Coffee
- 11.45 - 11.50 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.50 - 12.30 **Reimagining the store - evolving consumer preferences, new technologies, retail strategies and changing the nature of the shopping experience**
Dr Tim Denison, Director of Retail Intelligence, Ipsos Retail Performance
Elizabeth Clark, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Dream Agility
Matthew McMillan, Development Director, Boxpark
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Where next for government policy on high streets and the retail industry?**
Sir John Timpson, Chair, Timpson and Chair, Town Centre Expert Panel
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Helen Crocker, Senior Researcher, Westminster Business Forum