Westminster Social Policy Forum conference:
Next steps for building safety regulation in England
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8.30 Registration

9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
The Earl of Lytton

9.05 **Assessing major developments in Building safety policy and regulation in England - progress and priorities**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor

9.25 **Regulatory priorities for building safety and transition towards a Single Construction Regulator**
Senior representative, regulation
Questions and comments from the floor

9.50 **Building standards implementation - safety, oversight and delivery in practice**
compliance with proposed statutory fire safety guidance in Approved Document B | reducing Gateway delays for higher-risk buildings - approval requirements and routes through the system | improving consistency and proportionality in building control and reducing unnecessary burdens | interaction between the Building Safety Regulator, local authority building control and approved inspectors | local authority building control - capacity, capability and financial sustainability | developing mandatory data records for building safety across the construction lifecycle | effectively embedding safety into building design and delivery | implications of construction products reform for standards, assurance and supply chains | implications of planning reform for delivery and sequencing | next steps for Building Safety Levy thresholds and wider sector impacts | addressing sector skills priorities
Ben Oram, Technical Director, Buckley Gray Yeoman
Louise Mansfield, Legal Director, Bevan Brittan
Martin Taylor, Commercial Director, Local Authority Building Control
Laurence Quail, Managing Director, Aitch Group
Senior representative, construction products
Questions and comments from the floor

10.40 **'The regulation of construction products - moving markets towards compliance'**
Geoffrey Brown, Assistant Director, Construction Products, Office for Product Safety and Standards
Questions and comments from the floor

11.05 **Chair's closing remarks**
The Earl of Lytton

11.10 Break

11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian

11.25 **The *Cladding Safety Scheme* and the *Remediation Acceleration Plan* - implementation and next steps**
Senior representative, remediation
Questions and comments from the floor

11.50 **Key priorities for effective building safety management - compliance, remediation and standards**
accountability and ensuring compliance with the Building Safety Act 2022 | responsibilities for accountable persons | progress in remediating unsafe cladding - identification, tenant engagement and efficient removal | priorities for the forthcoming Remediation Bill - enforcement and backstop powers | sequencing and delivery of remediation programmes, including Local Remediation Acceleration Plans | operation of the National Remediation System, data requirements and transparency | access to resources through the Building Safety Fund and Cladding Safety Scheme | impact of wider duties on standards, including Awaab's Law and Decent Homes Standard | implementing new guidance on Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans | private sector compliance with electrical installation condition report regulations | workforce skills priorities | information sharing, complaints handling and redress
Dr Eve Blezard, Policy Lead, Asset, Safety and Culture, Chartered Institute of Housing
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, fire safety
Questions and comments from the floor

12.40 **Progress in implementing measures in the *Grenfell Tower Inquiry Phase 2*, construction product reform, and wider policy and regulatory priorities**
Kate O'Neill, Director, Buildings Design and Construction, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Harry Nelson, Westminster Social Policy Forum