

**Policy Forum for Northern Ireland keynote seminar
Key priorities for housing policy in Northern Ireland**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 20th April 2021

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Kellie Armstrong MLA, Member, Committee for Communities
- 9.05 **The outlook for the NI housing market in the wake of COVID-19, the impact of stamp duty holidays, and the way forward for meeting current demand and consumer needs**
Justin Cartwright, National Director, Northern Ireland, Chartered Institute of Housing
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 Break
- 9.40 **Reforming the Northern Ireland Housing Executive - options for reform, implications for the wider sector, ensuring a smooth transition, and priorities for increasing the supply of social housing**
Dr Stewart Smyth, Senior Lecturer in Accounting and Member, The Centre on Household Assets and Savings Management, University of Birmingham and Author, 21st Century Housing for Northern Ireland
Colm McDaid, Chief Executive, Supporting Communities
John McLean, Chief Executive, Radius Housing
Raymond Crooks, Director, Thompson Crooks Solicitors and Former Chair, Northern Ireland Landlords Association
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Key priorities for the Housing Executive in the wake of reform**
Grainia Long, Chief Executive Designate, Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 **Chair's closing remarks**
Kellie Armstrong MLA, Member, Committee for Communities
- 11.10 Break
- 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**
Karen Mullan MLA, Member, Committee for Communities
- 11.25 **Overcoming barriers to increasing housing supply, improving options for first time buyers, and tackling homelessness and rough sleeping**
Tony McQuillan, Director, Shelter NI
Cathy Reynolds, Director of City Regeneration and Development, Belfast City Council
Colin Clements, Managing Director, FastHouse
Jordan Buchanan, Chief Economist, PropertyPal
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 Break
- 12.25 **Housing in Northern Ireland - next steps for policy**
Paul Price, Deputy Director of Housing, Department for Communities
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Northern Ireland closing remarks**
Karen Mullan MLA, Member, Committee for Communities
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Northern Ireland