

Policy Forum for Wales keynote seminar:

Priorities for housing in Wales

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 16th May 2024

Taking place online



Draft agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member of the Senedd
- 9.05 **The state of the housing sector in Wales and key issues going forward**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Assessing the ambition to end homelessness**
early intervention and preventative measures | changes to local authority responsibilities | findings from the Welsh Government's White Paper consultation | international best practice
Councillor Craig ab Iago, Cabinet Member for Housing, Cyngor Gwynedd
Dr Edith England, Senior Lecturer in Social Policy and Practice, Cardiff Metropolitan University
Debbie Thomas, Head of Policy and Communications Wales, Crisis
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.05 **Independent Review of Affordable Housing Supply - assessing progress and implementation**
Lynn Pamment, Chair, Independent Review of Affordable Housing Supply (2019)
- 10.15 **Improving affordability and availability of housing in Wales**
improving access to social housing | tackling private rental costs and increasing access to finance and mortgage products | safeguarding the rights of tenants and landlords and resolving disputes
Louise Howells, Partner, Blake Morgan
Jocelle Lovell, Director of Inclusive Communities, Cwmpas
Neil Barber, Executive Director, Property and Investment, Pobl Group
Tim Thomas, Policy and Campaigns Officer, Propertymark
Anny Cullum, Strategic Development and Policy Officer, Acorn UK
- 10.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Member of the Senedd
- 11.05 Break
- 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Mark Isherwood MS
- 11.20 **Helping people build and buy in Wales**
Cenydd Rowlands, Property Director, Development Bank of Wales
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **Supply of quality and affordable housing**
achieving house building targets | options for improving the planning system to increase supply | tackling construction costs and availability of materials | building environmentally sustainable homes
Ifan Glyn, Director, Federation of Master Builders
Andy Sutton, Co-Founder and Chief Innovation Officer, Sero
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 **Policy priorities for the supply, quality and affordability of housing in Wales**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**
Mark Isherwood MS
Tiernan Phipps, Policy Forum for Wales