

Policy Forum for Northern Ireland keynote seminar
Next steps for housing policy in Northern Ireland - strategy and reform, tackling homelessness, and priorities for housing supply, quality, and sustainability

Timing: Afternoon, Monday, 7th February 2022

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- 12.30 Registration
- 13.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick, former leader, SDLP (2010-2011)
- 13.05 **Priorities for the future of housing policy in Northern Ireland**
Deirdre Hargey MLA, Minister for Communities (Pre-recorded contribution)
- 13.20 Break
- 13.25 **Addressing barriers to housing supply - meeting demand, building housing in the areas of greatest need, and creating attractive communities with the services and amenities to support them**
Justin Cartwright, National Director, Chartered Institute of Housing
Councillor Peter Lavery, Chair, Planning and Regulatory Services Committee, Armagh City, Banbridge, and Craigavon Borough Council
Darren McKinney, Chief Executive, Habinteg Housing Association
Gavin McGuire, Northern Ireland Director, Federation of Master Builders
Questions and comments from the floor
- 14.25 **Chair's closing remarks**
Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick, former leader, SDLP (2010-2011)
- 14.30 Break
- 14.40 **Chair's opening remarks**
Paula Bradley MLA, Chair, Committee for Communities
- 14.45 **Tackling homelessness and rough sleeping and addressing housing waiting lists**
Jim Dennison, Chief Executive, Simon Community NI
Professor Paddy Gray, Professor of Housing, Ulster University
Nicola McCrudden, CEO, Homeless Connect
Questions and comments from the floor
- 15.25 **Reforming the NI Housing Executive**
Grainia Long, Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Questions and comments from the floor
- 15.55 Break
- 16.05 **Priorities for improving housing quality in NI and supporting the transition to carbon neutrality**
Stew Horne, Head of Policy, Energy Saving Trust
Janet Hunter, Chief Executive, Housing Rights Services
Barry Neilson, Chief Executive, CITB Northern Ireland
Dr Sharon McClements, Lecturer in Built Environment, Ulster University; and Chair, RICS NI
Raymond Nicholl, Director of Housing, Triangle Housing Association
Questions and comments from the floor
- 16.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Northern Ireland closing remarks**
Paula Bradley MLA, Chair, Committee for Communities
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Northern Ireland