

Policy Forum for Wales keynote seminar:

Priorities for housing in Wales

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 16th May 2024

*****Taking place online*****

Agenda subject to change

8.30 Registration

9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**

Cenydd Rowlands, Property Director, Development Bank of Wales

9.05 **The state of the housing sector in Wales and key issues going forward**

Dr Bob Smith, Honorary Senior Research Fellow, School of Geography and Planning, Cardiff University
Questions and comments from the floor

9.35 **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

10.15 **Independent Review of Affordable Housing Supply - assessing progress and implementation**

Lynn Pamment, Chair, Independent Review of Affordable Housing Supply (2019)

10.25 **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
Ben Leonard, Policy Officer, ACORN the Union

10.50 Questions and comments from the floor

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 **Chair's closing remarks**

Tiernan Phipps, Policy Forum for Wales

11.50 Break

12.00 **Chair's opening remarks**

Mark Isherwood MS

12.05 **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
Dr Edward Shepherd, Senior Lecturer in Planning and Development, Cardiff University
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

