

**Policy Forum for Wales keynote seminar:  
Priorities for housing in Wales**  
*Timing: Morning, Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> 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  
Senior representative, tenant
- 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**  
Senior Member of the Senedd
- 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**, CoFounder 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**  
Senior Member of the Senedd  
**Tiernan Phipps**, Policy Forum for Wales