

Policy Forum for Wales keynote seminar

The future for planning policy in Wales - the proposed strategy, supporting clean economic growth, and serving the changing needs of work and communities

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 6th July 2021

Taking Place Online



FFORWM
POLISIÂU CYMRU
POLICY FORUM
FOR WALES

Draft agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member of the Senedd
- 9.05 **Priorities and key issues for implementing the National Plan 2040, and for a planning framework that can support growth and development in Wales**
Dr Roisin Willmott, Director of Wales and Northern Ireland, Royal Town and Planning Institute (RTPI)
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Spatial planning in Wales in the wake of the pandemic - upgrading infrastructure, boosting productivity, driving employment, and supporting the economic recovery of town and city centres**
Gareth Elliott, Head of Policy and Communications, Mobile UK
Stephanie Irvine, Senior Planner, Lichfields
Ron Beattie, Chairman, Beattie Passive Build System
Andrew Goodacre, Chief Executive, British Independent Retailers Association (BIRA)
Senior representative, local government
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Member of the Senedd
- 10.30 Break
- 10.40 **Chair's opening remarks**
Ruth Jones MP, Shadow Minister for the Natural Environment and Air Quality and Member, Welsh Affairs Committee
- 10.45 **Aligning development and planning with net-zero goals - decarbonisation, public transportation and building sustainably**
John Davies, President, NFU Cymru
David Jones, Stakeholder Director UK, Simply Blue Energy
Sarah Featherstone, Architect and co-Director, Featherstone Young, and Team Member, Velocity
Natalie Rees, Sustainable Development Manager, Transport for Wales
Hugo Spowers, Chief Engineer and Founder, Riversimple
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 Break
- 11.40 **Serving local communities into the future - ensuring accessibility to key services and preparing for the impact of potential changes to needs, habits and working practices**
Professor Alan Felstead, Research Professor, School of Social Sciences, Cardiff University
Jen Heal, Design Advisor, Design Commission for Wales
Chris Sutton, Director, Sutton Consulting, and past Chair, CBI Wales
Senior representative, local government
Senior representative, community
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Establishing the new planning inspectorate - ensuring a smooth transition and meeting the needs of communities in Wales**
Tony Thickett, Head, Planning Inspectorate Wales
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**
Ruth Jones MP, Shadow Minister for the Natural Environment and Air Quality and Member, Welsh Affairs Committee
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Wales