

## Westminster Legal Policy Forum keynote conference:

### Next steps for immigration policy in the UK

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Current trends in migration, underlying factors and implications for policy**  
**Rich Pereira**, Deputy Director, Demography, Office for National Statistics
- 9.20 **Assessing the Immigration White Paper and priorities for the UK immigration system moving forward**  
*examining White Paper proposals and priorities for implementation | assessing the current points-based system and potential changes | developing a coordinated approach between Skills England, the Migration Advisory Committee and the Industrial Strategy Council | efficiency of eVisas and the transition to a fully digital immigration system | potential barriers for the digitally disadvantaged | implications of rising visa fees for migrants, public services and employers*  
**Samar Shams**, Managing Partner, Changes Immigration  
**Yasmin Halima**, Executive Director, Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants  
Senior representative, business  
Senior representative, local authority  
Senior analyst  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.10 **Shaping immigration policy to support UK workforce and skills planning, and the MAC's role in developing a joined-up approach**  
**Professor Brian Bell**, Chair, Migration Advisory Committee  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.40 Break
- 10.50 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 **Workforce planning and priorities for employers, higher education, affected stakeholders, and key agencies going forward**  
*coordinating immigration policy with domestic skills strategies | priorities for Skills England and other bodies in upskilling | addressing implications for sectors such as health and social care, hospitality, and IT | priorities for the domestic workforce and planning for reduced reliance on migrant labour | UK attractiveness as a destination for international students | challenges for student recruitment and university funding | addressing dependence on international student fees for UK HEIs*  
**Dhruv Krishnaraj**, Director and Co-Founder, Student Circus  
Senior representative, employer  
Senior representative, trade union  
Senior representative, skills provider  
Senior representative, university  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **Implementing proposals in the White Paper, practicalities for integration, tackling modern slavery, and next steps for border security**  
*policy implementation | priorities for managing borders and controlling migration | effectiveness of enforcement policies | balancing security with human rights considerations | impact of reforms on protections against modern slavery | priorities for community cohesion and access to healthcare, housing and education | safeguarding strategies and addressing barriers to support | considering alternative approaches and international co-operation*  
**Rico Wojtulewicz**, Head, Policy and Market Insight, National Federation of Builders  
**Anita Hurrell**, Head, Migrant Children's Programme, Coram Children's Legal Centre  
Senior representative, legal  
Senior representative, local authority  
Senior representative, law enforcement  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.35 **Policy priorities moving forward**  
Senior speaker confirmed from the **Home Office**  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Sean Cudmore**, Westminster Legal Policy Forum