

**Westminster Education Forum policy conference:**

**Next steps for school buildings in England**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025

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



*Draft agenda, subject to change*

8.30 Registration

9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**

Senior Parliamentarian

9.05 **Key policy priorities for the education estate moving forward**

**Dr Jonathan Dewsbury**, Director of Education Estates and Net Zero, Department for Education

Questions and comments from the floor

9.30 **Implementing the School Rebuilding Programme and next steps for estate management**

*rollout so far, accelerating delivery and meeting targets | priorities for schools outside the programme and wider education estate management | assessing the current condition of the education estate | potential changes in oversight | considering building standards and safety | addressing RAAC concerns in schools | options and priorities for funding allocation moving forward*

Senior representative, school

Senior representative, construction

Senior representative, local authority

Senior commentator

Questions and comments from the floor

10.20 **Chair's closing remarks**

Senior Parliamentarian

10.25 Break

10.35 **Chair's opening remarks**

Senior Parliamentarian

10.40 **Decarbonising existing schools and designing and building net zero schools moving forward**

*improving climate resilience and decarbonisation solutions | implementation of sustainable schools strategies | reducing energy use | addressing challenges for retrofitting existing buildings | futureproofing the estate to mitigate future climate challenges | land use and the provision of green spaces*

Senior representative, school

Senior representative, energy

Senior representative, architecture

Senior representative, construction

Senior representative, consultancy

Questions and comments from the floor

11.35 **Modernising the education estate**

*developing safe, efficient and inspiring places for learning | impact of the learning environment on educational outcomes | addressing disparities across the schools estate | integrating schools into local communities and tailoring designs to meet local needs | improving access and inclusion | extending building lifespans through proactive care and addressing further estate deterioration | minimising student disruption during repairs*

Senior representative, school

Senior representative, local authority

Senior representative, architecture

Senior commentator

Questions and comments from the floor

12.30 **The future of the education estate - meeting community needs and delivering net zero**

**Lara Newman**, Chief Executive, LocatED

Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**

Senior Parliamentarian

**Sean Cudmore**, Westminster Education Forum

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