

Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference:

Next steps for student housing in the UK

Timing: Morning, Monday, 18th November 2024

Taking place online



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Mark Swales, Independent Chair, UUK/GuildHE Governance Board, Accommodation Code of Practice, Universities UK/GuildHE
- 9.05 **The current student accommodation landscape in the UK and priorities for HEIs**
Rowan Fisher, Head, Student Experience and Skills Policy, Universities UK
- 9.15 **Assessing key trends in the student housing market**
Corranne Wheeler, Analyst, UK Residential Research, Savills
- 9.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.45 **Strategic priorities for meeting accommodation demand**
understanding student needs and delivering value for money | provision of PBSA | collaboration with local authorities and growing private sector partnerships | developing use of local housing data to inform strategy | opportunities for developing brownfield sites | harnessing HMO opportunities | alternative accommodation provision
Martin Blakey, Expert Commentator; and former Chief Executive, Unipol
Calum MacInnes, Founder, Student Tribe
Scott Lewis, Chief Operating Officer, Homes for Students
Rebecca O'Hare, Interim Deputy Director, Residential Services, University of Leeds
James Maguire, Sales and Business Director, Housing Hand
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Mark Swales, Independent Chair, UUK/GuildHE Governance Board, Accommodation Code of Practice, Universities UK/GuildHE
- 10.40 Break
- 10.50 **Chair's opening remarks**
Rebecca O'Hare, Interim Deputy Director, Residential Services, University of Leeds
- 10.55 **The potential impact of the Renters' Rights Bill on students and landlords**
Ben Beadle, Chief Executive, National Residential Landlords Association
Tom Walker, Co-Founder and Director, StuRents
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 **Opportunities for cross-sector collaboration and priorities for accommodation suppliers**
Simon Jones, Group Higher Education Director, Unite Students
- 11.45 **Standards and best practice in the student accommodation market**
strengthening government, HEI and private sector partnerships | the likely impact of legislative proposals | priorities for improving quality and standards | progress with the Student Accommodation Code of Practice
Dan Smith, Managing Director, Student Housing Consultancy
Cerys Evans, President, Lancaster University Students' Union
Sarah Jones, Partner, Higher Education, Strategic Advisory, Cushman and Wakefield
Vicky Ackerley, Head, Residential and Sports Services, University of Manchester
- 12.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **The future for regulation of student accommodation**
Mark Swales, Independent Chair, UUK/GuildHE Governance Board, Accommodation Code of Practice, Universities UK/GuildHE
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Rebecca O'Hare, Interim Deputy Director, Residential Services, University of Leeds
Amy Wassif, Westminster Higher Education Forum

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