

MEETING: NATIONAL PLANNING FORUM  
TIME: 12.45pm for 1.30pm THURSDAY MARCH 20<sup>th</sup> 2014  
LOCATION: CHURCH HOUSE CONFERENCE CENTRE, DEAN'S YARD, WESTMINSTER, LONDON.

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## AGENDA

### 1. **Welcome and opening remarks**

Brian Waters: Chair of the National Planning Forum and NPF Vice-chair (Professions)

### 2. **Tomorrows' Planners Today: Education and Training for the Future of the Planning Profession**

#### (a) **Overview of the current state of planning education in the UK**

Professor Gordon Dabinett, Sheffield University and Chair of the Conference of Heads of Planning Schools (CHOPS)

#### (b) **What are employers looking for?**

- John Walker — City of Westminster Council and POS
- Alice Lester – PAS: The National Competency Framework for Planners

#### (c) **Best practice in planning education project**

Samer Bagaeen, University of Brighton

#### (d) **Current approaches to education, competency, professional accreditation and lifelong learning and how things might change – the RTPI view**

Professor Gavin Parker, Director of Professional Standards, RTPI

#### (e) **Panel discussion with the presenters,**

Chaired by Janet Askew, UWE and RTPI vice president.

### 3. **Provocative Questions about Planning – The NPF as a Forum for thinking about the future of planning.**

#### **Note**

We welcome to the Forum today Ian Dobson and Heather Harris from Auckland Council, New Zealand.