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Sunday 28th September

12:30-14:00

Room 10A, ICC Hall

Achieving a Global Deal on Climate Change

Emissions cuts under the Kyoto agreement end in 2012. An agreement on action post-2012 is essential if efforts to drive down global carbon emissions are to continue. Talks are underway to agree a new agreement, but a fight looms on what it should look like. What obligations will countries need to take on to prevent dangerous climate change and how should developed and developing countries' actions differ in a world of extreme poverty?

Chair: TBC

Speakers: Nick Hurd MP; Eliot Whittington, Senior Advisor, Christian Aid

12:30-14:00

Room 10B, ICC Hall

The Thin Blue Line? What is distinctive about the Conservatives' public services agenda

What's the right balance between central direction and local autonomy? What role for targets and professional autonomy? Where next for commissioning and contracting? And how do we meet the needs of those with least voice?

Chair: David Brindle, Public Services Editor, Guardian

Speakers: Stephen Dorrell MP; Mark Lovell, Executive Chairman, A4E; Susan Anderson, CBI

Monday 29th September

08:00-09:30

Adante Room, Hyatt Hotel

Home-coming: Will we get the housing we need or the housing we deserve?

This panel will consider whether we are building both private and social housing that are fit for purpose. In particular, do these homes meet community need? Does the process of planning and decision-making in housing ensure that new developments meet local need? Has reform of the planning system really delivered?

Chair: Richard Capie, Head of Policy, Chartered Institute for Housing

Speakers: Bob Neill MP; Adam Sampson, CEO, Shelter; David Tuffin, Managing Partner, Tuffin Ferraby Taylor LLP; Daryl Flay, Oracle Residential; more TBC

08:00-09:30

Allegro Room, Hyatt Hotel

Can the Conservatives be the Party of the Poor?

Chair: Stuart White

Speakers: Greg Clarke, Shadow Minister, Cabinet Office; Richard Reeves, Writer; Lord Victor Adebawale, Chief Executive, Turning Point; Martin Narey, Barnardo's

17:45-19:00

Soprano Room, Hyatt Hotel

Innovation Debate

Given the priority that the private sector has placed on policies designed to nurture and foster innovation, government and the public services are increasingly focusing on the important role innovation can play in transforming public services. Innovation has been shown to drive up performance, reduce costs, and lead to new and creative ways of doing things. But while the public sector remains a rich source of innovation, a number of barriers remain.

Chair: TBC

Speakers: Adam Afriyie MP, Shadow Minister for Innovation, Universities and Skills; Stephen Greenhalgh, Councillor

Tuesday 30th September

12:30-14:00

Room 6B, ICC Hall

Raising the Bar: A Fair Chance for Every Child?

Children from deprived backgrounds are three times less likely to achieve good outcomes at age 16. How should the education system and family support be transformed to make a real difference to children's lives no matter where they live or what background they are from?

Chair: Cathy Newman, Political Correspondent, Channel 4

Speakers: David Collins, AoC President; Al Aynsley-Green, Children's Commissioner; Lisa Harker, Co-Director, ippr

Wednesday 1st October

08:00-09:30

Room 11B, ICC Hall

The Care Crunch: How do we create a brighter future for older people?

More and more families are being affected by the care crunch: where both care needs and the costs of care rise faster than the ability of the current system to pay for it. Those who are neither rich nor poor are feeling the squeeze most. What would a progressive and sustainable system of care for older people look like?

Chair: TBC

Speakers: Stephen O'Brien, Shadow Minister for Health, Conservative Party; Clive Cowdery, Resolution Foundation; Lisa Harker, Co-Director, ippr

08:00am-09:30

Hall 8A, ICC

Progressive Conservatism

Chair: TBC

Speakers: Oliver Letwin Chairman, Policy Review/Conservative Research Department; David Aaranovitch, Journalist; More TBC