

**Scotland Policy Conferences Keynote Seminar: Implementing the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal - infrastructure investment, innovation and accelerated growth**

*Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018*

*Venue: Dynamic Earth, Holyrood Road, Edinburgh EH8 8AS*



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*Agenda subject to change*

8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee

9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**

**Alison Johnstone MSP**, Spokesperson for Health and Sport, Scottish Green Party and Member for Lothian, Scottish Parliament

**Priorities for the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Deal**

9.05 - 9.15 **Councillor Adam McVey**, Council Leader, City of Edinburgh Council

9.15 - 9.25 **Pat Ritchie**, Chief Executive, Newcastle City Council

9.25 - 9.35 **Michael Moore**, Senior Adviser for Devolution, PwC

9.35 - 9.55 Questions and comments from the floor

9.55 - 10.35 **Developing the infrastructure for accelerated growth: transport links, housing and barriers to development**

**Councillor David Ross**, Co-Leader, Fife Council

**Craig Sanderson**, Chief Executive, Link Group

**Rory Alexander**, Partner, Morton Fraser

**John Lauder**, National Director Scotland, Sustrans

Questions and comments from the floor

10.35 - 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**

**Alison Johnstone MSP**, Spokesperson for Health and Sport, Scottish Green Party and Member for Lothian, Scottish Parliament

10.40 - 11.10 Coffee

11.10 - 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**

**Neil Findlay MSP**, Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Brexit, Campaigns and Party Engagement, Scottish Labour and Member for Lothian, Scottish Parliament

**Supporting innovation and the economy - partnership working, commercialisation and building a skilled workforce**

11.15 - 11.25 **Professor Richard Williams**, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Heriot-Watt University

11.25 - 11.35 **Ken Shaw**, Head of Employability and Talent Development, City of Edinburgh Council

11.35 - 11.45 **Professor Charlie Jeffery**, Senior Vice-Principal, University of Edinburgh

11.45 - 12.10 Questions and comments from the floor

12.10 - 12.55 **Next steps for the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal**

**Dr Morag Watt**, Lead, Cities Team, The Scottish Government

**Neil MacLennan**, Head of City Deals and Local Government, Scotland Office

Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**

**Neil Findlay MSP**, Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Brexit, Campaigns and Party Engagement, Scottish Labour and Member for Lothian, Scottish Parliament

**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Scotland Policy Conferences