

Scotland Policy Conferences Keynote Seminar

Developing Scotland's telecoms infrastructure: investment, regulation and meeting future needs

Timing: Morning, Tuesday 2nd April 2019

Venue: Central Edinburgh



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 - 9.30 **Government priorities for the telecoms market in Scotland**
Paul Wheelhouse MSP, Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 10.00 **Digital connectivity in Scotland: state of play and next steps**
Pete Wishart MP, Chair, House of Commons Scottish Affairs Select Committee
Fraser McKinlay, Controller of Audit & Director of Performance Audit and Best Value, Audit Scotland
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.00 - 10.50 **Options for Scotland's telecoms infrastructure: tackling the challenges to development, next steps for investment and the future for innovation, collaboration and site-sharing**
Senior speaker confirmed from **Virgin Media**
Paul Morris, Head of Government Affairs and Sustainable Business, Vodafone
Senior representative, planning
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, business
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 - 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 - 11.20 Coffee
- 11.20 - 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Liam McArthur MSP, Deputy Convener, Cross-Party Group on Digital Participation
- 11.25 - 11.40 **Setting the conditions for a forward-facing and effective telecoms market**
Senior speaker confirmed from **Ofcom**
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 - 12.35 **Ensuring Scotland's digital infrastructure networks are fit for the future: meeting the needs of businesses and consumers, and supporting innovation**
Matt Yardley, Partner, Analysys Mason
Brendan Dick, Chair, Openreach
Senior representative, business
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, transport
Questions and comments from the floor with senior speaker confirmed from **Ofcom**
- 12.35 - 12.55 **Developing Scotland's telecoms networks: ensuring effective collaboration and UK Government support**
Melissa Giordano, Deputy Director for Mobile Infrastructure & Spectrum, Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Liam McArthur MSP, Deputy Convener, Cross-Party Group on Digital Participation
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Scotland Policy Conferences