

Scotland Policy Conferences keynote seminar
City Region and Growth Deals in Scotland: progress and next steps for delivery
Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 29th April 2020



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
James Dornan MSP, Convener, Local Government and Communities Committee
- 9.05 - 9.35 **City Region and Growth Deals in Scotland: delivery, accountability and progress so far**
Sally Thompson, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 9.45 Break
- 9.45 - 10.15 **The Glasgow City Region Deal Gateway Review: outcomes and way forward**
Councillor Susan Aitken, Leader, Glasgow City Council and Chair, Glasgow City Region Cabinet
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 - 10.25 Break
- 10.25 - 11.30 **Co-ordinating City Region and Growth Deals across Scotland: governance, collaboration and delivering economic development**
Councillor John Alexander, Leader, Dundee City Council and Chair, Scottish Cities Alliance
Matt Lancashire, Director of Policy and Public Affairs, SCDI
Allan McQuade, Director of Place, Scottish Enterprise
Jonathan Guthrie, Director for Strategic Public Partnerships, Robertson Group
Senior representative, Connectivity
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 - 11.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
James Dornan MSP, Convener, Local Government and Communities Committee
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- 11.45 - 11.50 **Chair's opening remarks**
David Brown, Director of Strategic Partnerships, University of Edinburgh
- 11.50 - 12.55 **Building an inclusive economy and developing a skilled workforce through City Region and Growth Deals**
Professor Julia Darby, Department of Economics, Strathclyde Business School, University of Strathclyde
Professor Jonathan Seckl, Vice Principal, Planning, Resources and Research Policy, The University of Edinburgh
Councillor Jenny Laing, Co-Leader, Aberdeen City Council and Chair, Aberdeen City Region Deal Joint Committee
Senior representative, Business
Senior representative, Skills
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
David Brown, Director of Strategic Partnerships, University of Edinburgh
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Scotland Policy Conferences