

Scotland Policy Conferences keynote seminar

Next steps for the Edinburgh and South East Scotland Region - taking forward the City Region Deal, implementing a Regional Prosperity Framework, and priorities for inclusive growth

Timing: Morning, Monday, 26th September 2022

Taking Place Online



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **The Edinburgh and South East Scotland Regional City Deal five years on - lessons learnt and key priorities moving forward**
Andrew Kerr, Chief Executive, City of Edinburgh Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Building upon the City Deal and implementing the regional prosperity framework - improving stakeholder collaboration, developing inclusive growth and attracting inward investment**
Liz McAreavey, Chief Executive, Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce
Jon Buglass, Vice Principal for Innovation, Planning and Performance, Edinburgh College
Jackie Brierton, CEO, GrowBiz
Benjamin Napier, Chief Executive, Citizens Advice Edinburgh
Nick Ravenhall, Managing Director, Holyrood Distillery
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.30 Break
- 10.35 **Chair's opening remarks**
Claire Baker MSP, Convener, Economy and Fair Work Committee
- Initiatives, strategies and case studies in taking forward the regional prosperity framework**
- 10.40 **Next steps for the Firth of Forth Freeport - assessing the opportunities for inward investment, trade, developing infrastructure and the impact on local communities**
Senior representative, port authority
- 10.50 **Learning from Edinburgh's cultural sector as a model for investment, collaboration, and building international profile**
Senior representative, culture
- 11.00 **Delivering the ambition of a data capital - digital growth and what it could mean for the regional economy**
Jarmo Eskelinen, Director, Data Driven Innovation Programme, University of Edinburgh
- 11.10 **Sustainability - priorities for implementing a regional environment strategy**
Senior representative, environment
- 11.20 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 Break
- 11.45 **Addressing housing needs and implementing a regional spatial strategy - assessing where housing is needed, funding priorities, and supporting the sector to deliver affordable homes**
Nile Istephan, Chief Executive, Eildon Housing Association
Stuart Salter, Director, Geddes Consulting
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, developer
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Priorities for future development of the Edinburgh and South East Scotland Region**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Claire Baker MSP, Convener, Economy and Fair Work Committee
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Scotland Policy Conferences