

Scotland Policy Conferences keynote seminar

Next steps for housing policy in Scotland

Timing: Morning, Thursday 19th May 2022

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Graham Simpson MSP, Convener, Cross-Party Group on Housing, and Deputy Party Spokesperson on Transport
- 9.05 **Next steps for the housing sector in Scotland - investment and funding, sustainability and improving the quality of housing**
Senior representative, housing
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 Break
- 9.30 **Improving provision and meeting the needs of communities - accessibility and affordability, a place-based approach, 20 minute neighbourhoods, and priorities for choice**
Rhoda Meek, Founder and Director, Isle Develop CIC
Professor Leigh Sparks, Deputy Principal and Professor of Retail Studies, University of Stirling; and Chair, Town Centre Action Plan Review Group
Derek Rankine, Policy Manager, SURF
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, house building
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **The rented sector - clarity and direction, the needs of tenants and landlords, and priorities for accessibility, affordability, and raising standards**
John Blackwood, Chief Executive, Scottish Association of Landlords
Senior representative, tenants association
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 **Chair's closing remarks**
Graham Simpson MSP, Convener, Cross-Party Group on Housing, and Deputy Party Spokesperson on Transport
- 11.10 Break
- 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.20 **Tackling housing insecurity and supporting those at risk**
Alison Watson, Director, Shelter Scotland
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Housing and sustainability - key issues for green building, improving energy efficiency, utilising derelict and vacant land, and supporting net-zero ambitions**
Gordon Nelson, Scotland Director, Federation of Master Builders
Laura McGadie, Group Head of Energy, Energy Saving Trust
Sarah Buchanan, Impact Manager, Retrofit, Construction Scotland Innovation Centre
Senior representative, land
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for housing and implementing Housing to 2040: Scotland's Long Term Housing Plan**
Shona Robison MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Scotland Policy Conferences