

Scotland Policy Conferences keynote seminar

The future for infrastructure in Scotland - policy, investment, and contributing to economic recovery, societal priorities, and the path to net-zero

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 5th October 2021

Taking Place Online



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Ronnie Cowan MP, Shadow SNP Spokesperson (Infrastructure)
- 9.05 **Priorities for implementing the Infrastructure Investment Plan**
Senior speaker confirmed from **The Scottish Government**
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **The role of infrastructure upgrades in supporting post-pandemic recovery, boosting productivity and connectivity, and the creation of high-quality jobs**
Gary Smith, Scotland Secretary, GMB
Fionna Kell, Director of Policy, Homes for Scotland
Stephen Slessor, Operations Director, Morrison Construction
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.05 Break
- 10.10 **Meeting net-zero ambitions and supporting natural infrastructure, developing sustainable and resilient places and communities, the transition to green transport solutions, and improving waste and flood risk management**
Duncan Simpson, Co-chair, RMAS Technical and Innovation Group, and Founder, Duncan Simpson Associates
Dr Jamie Stewart, Depute Director, Centre for Energy Policy, University of Strathclyde
Kerry Alexander, Director, Infrastructure Finance and Programmes, Scottish Futures Trust
Alan James, Director, Storegga
George Gillespie, Executive Director, Neighbourhoods and Sustainability, Glasgow City Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.10 **Chair's closing remarks**
Ronnie Cowan MP, Shadow SNP Spokesperson (Infrastructure)
- 11.15 Break
- 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Pauline McNeill MSP, Shadow Labour Spokesperson (Justice)
- 11.30 **The next steps for regional development, city and growth deals and supporting local economies, improving access to services, and the future for home-based living post-pandemic**
Louisa Macdonell, CEO, Development Trusts Association Scotland (DTAS)
Gordon Watson, Chief Executive, Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park
Phil Prentice, Chief Officer, Scotland's Towns Partnership
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.10 Break
- 12.15 **Developing digital infrastructure, streamlining public services, boosting connectivity and coverage, and the focus on access and inclusivity**
Nicola Hudson, Senior Analyst, Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe)
Councillor Norman Hampshire, East Lothian Planning Committee Convener
James McClafferty, Public Sector Director for Scotland, CityFibre
Paul Coffey, Chief Executive Officer, The Scotland 5G Centre
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Pauline McNeill MSP, Shadow Labour Spokesperson (Justice)
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Scotland Policy Conferences