

**Scotland Policy Conferences keynote seminar**  
**Next steps for the delivery of the Glasgow City Region Deal**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**James Dornan MSP**, Convener, Local Government and Communities Committee (subject to parliamentary business)
- 9.05 **Progress so far in delivering the Glasgow City Region Deal, the findings of the Gateway Review and tackling the economic impact of COVID-19**  
**Councillor Susan Aitken**, Leader, Glasgow City Council and Chair, Glasgow City Region Cabinet  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Priorities for delivering enhanced connectivity within the Glasgow City Region**  
**Stuart Patrick**, CEO, Glasgow Chamber of Commerce
- 9.45 **Improving connectivity and key infrastructure priorities across the city region – delivering effective regeneration in priority areas, implementing improved transport links and the development of the 'Clyde Mission'**  
**Clr Tony Buchanan**, Leader, East Renfrewshire Council and Portfolio Lead for Infrastructure, Glasgow City Region  
**Graham Ross**, Partner, Urban Environments, Austin-Smith:Lord  
**Richard Rollison**, Deputy Director - Mission Clyde, The Scottish Government  
Senior representative, transport  
Questions and comments from the floor with **Stuart Patrick**, CEO, Glasgow Chamber of Commerce
- 10.30 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**James Dornan MSP**, Convener, Local Government and Communities Committee (subject to parliamentary business)
- 10.35 Break
- 10.45 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 **Delivering the 'Powerhouse of the North' ambition - building life science and manufacturing capabilities, fostering entrepreneurship and developing spaces to facilitate business incubators and growth areas**  
**Professor Dame Anna Glover**, Chief Scientific Adviser to the President of the European Commission, 2012- 2015; Chief Scientific Adviser for Scotland, 2006 - 2011; President, Royal Society of Edinburgh; Chair, The Carnegie Trust and Special Adviser to the Vice Chancellor, University of Strathclyde  
**Professor Sir Jim MacDonald**, Vice Chancellor, University of Strathclyde  
Senior representative, university  
Senior representative, entrepreneurship  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 **Improving employment opportunities in the wake of COVID-19 - supporting the tourist and hospitality sectors, targeting support towards young people entering the job market and delivering innovative solutions to facilitate employment opportunities**  
**Christopher Martin**, Co-Founder and Director of Urban Strategy, Urban Movement  
Senior representative, local authority  
Senior representative, association  
Senior representative, business  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 Break
- 12.25 **Priorities for Government support of the City Region's Deal**  
Senior speakers to be confirmed  
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