Scotland Policy Conferences:
Next steps for building standards and safety in Scotland
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8.30 Registration

9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian

9.05 **Priorities for building standards and safety - implementing post-Grenfell reform and next steps for strengthening building safety**
Stephen Garvin, Head, Building Standards, The Scottish Government
Questions and comments from the floor

9.30 **Fire safety standards, cladding remediation and next steps for regulatory reform**
next stage for implementing Grenfell Tower Inquiry recommendations, following the Scottish fire safety call for evidence and the review of Section 2 (Fire) | *updating fire safety regulations and technical guidance, including external wall requirements and inclusive evacuation* | *implications for building design, construction and refurbishment* | *progress with Scotland's Cladding Remediation Programme, including moving from assessments to completed works* | *prioritisation, funding and specialist capacity for remediation* | *responsibilities of developers, building owners and local authorities* | *implementing the Building Safety Levy and implications for remediation funding and development viability* | *costs, housing investment and supply*
Senior representative, fire safety
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, developer
Senior representative, remediation
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor

10.20 **Implementing the Compliance Plan Approach for high-risk buildings and priorities for a future statutory regime**
Senior representative, building standards
Questions and comments from the floor

10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian

10.50 Break

11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian

11.05 **Implementation of higher energy and environmental standards in new buildings**
developing the Scottish equivalent to Passivhaus standards | *stage 2 consultation responses and next steps for technical requirements* | *preparing developers, architects and construction professionals for implementation in autumn 2029* | *implications for building design, construction methods and costs* | *compliance tools, verification and performance in completed buildings* | *implications for delivery and affordability*
Senior representative, compliance
Senior representative, certification
Senior representative, developer
Questions and comments from the floor

11.45 **Next steps for accessible housing and inclusive building standards - design guidance, safety and sector requirements**
Senior representative, accessibility

11.55 **Improving standards in private and social housing**
implementation of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2025 and Awaab's Law provisions | *addressing damp, mould and other housing hazards* | *responsibilities of private landlords, local authorities and social housing providers* | *investigation and repair timescales, workforce capacity and meeting statutory obligations* | *enforcement, dispute resolution and tribunal capacity* | *tenement maintenance, ownership responsibilities and funding of shared works* | *next steps for minimum energy efficiency standards in the private rented sector following the deferral of EPC reform* | *implications for housing quality, affordability and investment*
Senior representative, social housing
Senior representative, landlords
Senior representative, standards
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, tenants

12.25 Questions and comments from the floor

12.45 **Next steps for improving energy efficiency - policy priorities for the proposed *Heat in Buildings Bill***
Senior representative, policy

13.10 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Christopher Sarjeant, Scotland Policy Conferences