

Scotland Policy Conferences keynote seminar
Next steps for Scotland's City Region and Growth Deals - partnerships, delivery, inclusive economic development, and what has been learnt so far

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 14th December 2021

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Colin Smyth MSP, Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Economic Development and Rural Affairs
- 9.05 **City and Growth Deals in Scotland - key regional priorities, progress so far, and lessons learnt**
Councillor Douglas Reid, Leader, East Ayrshire Council
Councillor Tony Buchanan, Leader, East Renfrewshire Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.40 Break
- 9.45 **Developing effective proposals - governance, funding, and collaboration between Deals**
Robin Presswood, Executive Director of City Development, Dundee City Council
Senior representative, business
Academic
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Chair's closing remarks**
Colin Smyth MSP, Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Economic Development and Rural Affairs
- 10.25 Break
- 10.35 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.40 **Project delivery and transparency - identifying and overcoming barriers to delivery and developing an effective accountability system**
Councillor Huw Thomas, Leader, Cardiff Council
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, business
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.20 **The potential of City and Growth Deals for building an inclusive economy and developing a skilled workforce - sustainable growth, developing centres of research and excellence, and meeting community and business needs**
Dr John Rogers, Executive Director, Research & Innovation Services, University of Stirling
Jennifer Tempny, Director, Strategic Partnerships and Regional Economy, Forth Valley College
Dr Gillian Murray, Deputy Principal for Enterprise & Business, Herriot-Watt University
Stephen Sheal, Special Advisor, Net Zero Technology Centre
Senior representative, business
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.10 Break
- 12.15 **Policy priorities for City and Growth Deals in Scotland and supporting delivery**
Iain Stewart MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Scotland, Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland
Senior representative, policy
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