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
*****Taking Place Online*****

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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
Jarmo Eskelinen, Executive Director, Data Driven Innovation Initiative, University of Edinburgh
Isabel Davis, Executive Director, Creative Scotland
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**
Jim Fairlie MSP, Member, Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee

10.40 **Project delivery and transparency - identifying and overcoming barriers to delivery and developing an effective accountability system**
Councillor Huw Thomas, Leader, Cardiff Council
Andrew Kerr, Chief Executive, The City of Edinburgh Council
Lucy Fraser, Head of Innovation, Albyn Housing Society
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 Tempany, 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
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 (Pre-recorded presentation)
Ivan McKee MSP, Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise, The Scottish Government

12.35 Questions and comments from the floor with **Ivan McKee MSP**, Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise, The Scottish Government and **Kris Krasnowski**, Deputy Director for Policy, Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland

12.55 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Jim Fairlie MSP, Member, Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Scotland Policy Conferences