

Scotland Policy Conferences keynote seminar

Next steps for planning policy and land use in Scotland - NPF4, serving needs of communities, system modernisation, and the role in net-zero

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 26th January 2022

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Alex Rowley MSP, Member, Covid-19 Recovery Committee
- 9.05 **The new National Planning Framework and its implementation**
Tom Arthur MSP, Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Priorities for planning policy following the pandemic - the shape and delivery of NPF4, green growth, preparation of regional spatial strategies, and implementing an infrastructure-first approach**
Craig McLaren, Director of Scotland, Ireland and English Regions, Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI)
Gordon Nelson, Scotland Director, Federation Of Master Builders
Senior representative, local authority (urban)
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 **Meeting the needs of communities - engagement, accessibility of key services, the aim of 20-minute neighbourhoods, tackling depopulation, and housing provision**
Euan Leitch, Chief Executive, SURF
Alastair Wood, Head of Planning Scotland, Savills
Senior representative, local authority (rural)
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Alex Rowley MSP, Member, Covid-19 Recovery Committee
- 10.55 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 **The Digital Strategy for Planning and the goal of digital transformation - accessibility, digital infrastructure, and taking into account new ways of working**
Ritchie Somerville, Head of Strategy, Data Driven Innovation, University of Edinburgh
Sarah Shaw, Head of Planning, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, Glasgow City Council
Senior representative, digital
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 Break
- 11.45 **The role of planning in net-zero ambitions - emissions reduction, integration of renewable energy, sustainable buildings, and implementing nature-based solutions and networks**
Dr Deborah Long, Chief Officer, Scottish Environment LINK
Tony Rose, Infrastructure Strategy Director, Scottish Futures Trust
George Baxter, Director of Development, GreenPower
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Next steps for planning policy and land use in Scotland**
Hamish Trench, Chief Executive, Scottish Land Commission
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian