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

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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 **The shape, potential impact and implementation of NPF4 - green growth, regional spatial strategies, an infrastructure-first approach, and priorities for planning policy following the pandemic**
Craig McLaren, Director of Scotland, Ireland and English Regions, Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI)
Gordon Nelson, Scotland Director, Federation Of Master Builders
Keith Winter, Executive Director, Enterprise and Environment, Fife Council; and Lead for Planning, Solace
Questions and comments from the floor

10.15 **Meeting the needs of communities - engagement, housing provision, accessibility of key services, the aim of 20 minute neighbourhoods, and tackling depopulation**
Euan Leitch, Chief Executive, SURF
Alastair Wood, Head of Planning Scotland, Savills
Katie Kelly, Depute Chief Executive, East Ayrshire Council
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**
Miles Briggs MSP, Member, Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

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
Nicola Woodward, Senior Director and Head of Edinburgh Office, Lichfields
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
Councillor Lawrence Fitzpatrick, Leader, West Lothian Council
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**
Miles Briggs MSP, Member, Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee
Beci Rasmussen, Researcher, Scotland Policy Conferences