

## Scotland Policy Conferences keynote seminar:

### Next steps for planning policy in Scotland

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Assessing progress and next steps for planning policy reform in Scotland**  
**Fraser Carlin**, Chair, Committee on Performance and Practice, Heads of Planning Scotland  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Priorities and key issues for NPF4 implementation**  
*Local development plans | The consenting process | Improving local living | 20-minute neighbourhoods | Progressing on net zero targets | Assessing what support is needed to ensure high quality applications | Key priorities for local authorities*  
**Lorraine Tulloch**, Chief Executive, Greenspace Scotland  
**Craig Whelton**, Partner, Burges Salmon  
**Councillor James Dalgleish**, Convenor, Planning Committee, City of Edinburgh Council  
**Stephen Tucker**, Urban Design Director, Stantec
- 9.55 **Challenges faced by local planning authorities - key issues for resourcing and skills development**  
Senior representative, planning
- 10.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.40 Break
- 10.50 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 **Key priorities for the housing sector**  
*Identifying issues around housing provision | Balancing delivery with sustainability | Support for house builders*  
**Pauline Smith**, Chief Executive, Development Trusts Association Scotland  
Senior representative, finance  
Senior representative, housing development  
Senior academic  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **Options for streamlining the planning system**  
*Challenges around consenting | Priorities for the energy sector | Adopting innovation | Making progress on LDPs*  
Senior representative, local authority  
Senior representative, energy  
Senior representative, innovation  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 **Policy priorities for meeting the targets set out in NPF4**  
Senior representative, policy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Tiernan Phipps**, Lead Researcher, Scotland Policy Conferences