

Scotland Policy Conferences Keynote Seminar

Next steps for Scotland's city region deals: developing partnerships, delivering key projects and supporting economic development across Scotland

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 23rd May 2019

Venue: Central Edinburgh



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Professor Charlie Jeffery, Senior Vice-Principal, University of Edinburgh
- 9.05 - 9.40 **Priorities for city region deals in Scotland - shaping and developing the next phase, and supporting the delivery of those already agreed**
Dr Morag Watt, Cities Team Leader, The Scottish Government
Neil MacLennan, Head of City Deals and Local Government, Scotland Office
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.40 - 9.50 **City region deal development in practice - learning from experience so far**
Councillor Susan Aitken, Leader and City Convener for Inclusive Economic Growth, Glasgow City Council
- 9.50 - 10.35 **Developing effective proposals going forward - governance, consensus and collaboration**
Senior representative, business

Senior representative, consultancy

Senior representative, council

Questions and comments from the floor with **Councillor Susan Aitken**, Leader and City Convener for Inclusive Economic Growth, Glasgow City Council
- 10.35 - 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Professor Charlie Jeffery, Senior Vice-Principal, University of Edinburgh
- 10.40 - 11.05 Coffee
- 11.05 - 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
James Dornan MSP, Convener, Local Government and Communities Committee
- 11.10 - 11.50 **Key issues for delivering projects: developing infrastructure, securing funding and ensuring effective project management**
Ritchie Somerville, Data Innovation Director, Data-Driven Innovation Programme, University of Edinburgh

Senior speaker confirmed from **Deloitte**

Senior representative, infrastructure

Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 - 12.55 **City region deals and supporting economic development across Scotland: building the skills base, developing centres of research and excellence, and meeting the needs of businesses and communities**
Barbara Hastings, Chief Executive, The Ayrshire Community Trust
David Littlejohn, Head of Planning and Development, Perth & Kinross Council
Andy Witty, Director of Sector Policy, Colleges Scotland
Senior speaker confirmed from **Scottish Enterprise**
Senior representative, university
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
James Dornan MSP, Convener, Local Government and Communities Committee
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Scotland Policy Conferences