

Scotland Policy Conferences Keynote Seminar: Next steps in implementing social security reform and tackling poverty in Scotland

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 5th December 2019

Venue: Central Edinburgh



Draft agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Government priorities for delivering social security**
Shirley-Anne Sommerville MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security, The Scottish Government
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 9.45 **Assessing Scotland's welfare system based on the Social Security Charter**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
- 9.45 - 9.55 **'Devolution of social security in Scotland - a view from the UK Government'**
Andrew Latto, Deputy Director, Devolution and Welfare in Later Life, DWP
- 9.55 - 10.00 **'Delivering Scotland's social security system based on respect and dignity: converting positive aspirations into real-life experiences'**
Miriam Craven, Head of Local Delivery and Client Experience, Social Security Scotland
- 10.00 - 10.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 - 11.15 **Next steps for implementation: improving delivery, navigating transition to Scotland and enabling change in welfare culture at point of delivery**
Derek Mitchell, Chief Executive, Citizens Advice Scotland
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, auditing
Service user
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.15 - 11.20 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.20 - 11.40 Coffee
- 11.40 - 11.45 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.45 - 12.10 **Assessing progress in alleviating poverty in Scotland**
Bill Scott, Chair, Poverty and Inequality Commission
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.10 - 12.55 **Latest thinking on tackling the wider factors impacting poverty: transport, housing and next steps for policy**
Robin McAlpine, Director, Common Weal
John Dickie, Director, Child Poverty Action Group
Peter Kelly, Director, Poverty Alliance
Senior representative, housing
Senior representative, health
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Scotland Policy Conferences