

Scotland Policy Conferences Keynote Seminar

Developing Scotland's telecoms infrastructure: investment, regulation and meeting future needs

Timing: Morning, Tuesday 2nd April 2019

Venue: Central Edinburgh



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Richard Lyle MSP, Member, Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee
- 9.05 - 9.30 **Government priorities for the telecoms market in Scotland**
Paul Wheelhouse MSP, Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 10.15 **Digital connectivity in Scotland: state of play and next steps**
Pete Wishart MP, Chair, House of Commons Scottish Affairs Select Committee
Fraser McKinlay, Controller of Audit & Director of Performance Audit and Best Value, Audit Scotland
Senior representative, infrastructure
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 - 10.25 **Supporting key telecoms infrastructure development in Scotland**
Brendan Dick, Chair, Scotland, Openreach
- 10.25 - 11.15 **Options for Scotland's telecoms infrastructure: tackling the challenges to development, next steps for investment and the future for innovation, collaboration and site-sharing**
Rob Evans, Managing Director of Lightning, Virgin Media
Fraser Grieve, Member, Rural Commission and Regional Director, SCDI
Professor Robert Stewart, Chief Project Advisor, 5G RuralFirst
Paul Morris, Head of Government Affairs and Sustainable Business, Vodafone
Questions and comments from the floor with **Brendan Dick**, Chair, Scotland, Openreach
- 11.15 - 11.20 **Chair's closing remarks**
Richard Lyle MSP, Member, Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee
- 11.20 - 11.45 Coffee
- 11.45 - 11.50 **Chair's opening remarks**
Rhoda Grant MSP, Shadow Spokesperson for Rural Economy
- 11.50 - 12.00 **Setting the conditions for a forward-facing and effective telecoms market**
Clive Carter, Director of Strategy, Ofcom
- 12.00 - 12.35 **Ensuring Scotland's digital infrastructure networks are fit for the future: meeting the needs of businesses and consumers, and supporting innovation**
Matt Yardley, Partner, Analysys Mason
Alastair Davidson, Director, Wireless Infrastructure Group
Stuart Mackinnon, External Affairs Manager, Scotland, Federation of Small Businesses
Questions and comments from the floor with **Clive Carter**, Director of Strategy, Ofcom
- 12.35 - 12.55 **Developing Scotland's telecoms networks: ensuring effective collaboration and UK Government support**
Melissa Giordano, Deputy Director for Mobile Infrastructure & Spectrum,
Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Rhoda Grant MSP, Shadow Spokesperson for Rural Economy
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Scotland Policy Conferences