

Scotland Policy Conferences Keynote Seminar: Priorities for Digital Scotland - infrastructure investment, mobile connectivity and economic impact

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 31st October 2017

Venue: Central Edinburgh



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Rachael Hamilton MSP, Spokesperson for Tourism and Small Business, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
- 9.05 - 9.15 **Assessing Scotland's digital capabilities**
Tony Rose, Infrastructure Director, Scottish Futures Trust
- Assessing Scotland's digital needs: productivity, skills and security**
- 9.15 - 9.25 **Digital as a productivity driver**
Gareth Williams, Head of Policy, SCDI
- 9.25 - 9.35 **Improving digital connectivity on Scotland's transport systems**
Aiden Barr, UK Chief Information Officer, Abellio
- 9.35 - 9.45 **Priorities for bridging the digital skills gap**
David McNeill, Digital Director, SCVO
- 9.45 - 9.55 **Developing Scotland's cyber-resilience**
Mandy Haeburn-Little, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Business Resilience Centre
- 9.55 - 10.20 Questions and comments from the floor with **Tony Rose**, Infrastructure Director, Scottish Futures Trust
- 10.20 - 10.25 **Chair's closing remarks**
Rachael Hamilton MSP, Spokesperson for Tourism and Small Business, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
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- 10.50 - 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Rhoda Grant MSP, Rural Economy and Connectivity Spokesperson, Scottish Labour Party
- 10.55 - 11.05 **Developing consumer-focused telecoms regulation**
Dr Steve Unger, Board Member and Group Director, Ofcom
- Improving mobile connectivity in Scotland**
- 11.05 - 11.15 **The future of mobile internet: coverage, 4G and the Mobile Infill Programme**
Paul Morris, Head of Government Affairs, Vodafone
- 11.15 - 11.25 **Preparing for future 5G infrastructure rollout**
Janette Stewart, Principal, Analysys Mason
- Priorities for Scotland's digital infrastructure**
- 11.25 - 11.35 **Delivering Superfast Broadband**
Brendan Dick, Director, BT Scotland
- 11.35 - 11.45 **Addressing gaps in coverage: white space, spectrum and innovative solutions**
Michael Armitage, Founder Director, Broadway Partners
- 11.45 - 11.55 **Building on Superfast Broadband: commercial investment and alternative approaches**
Martin McFadyen, Regional Director, Scotland, Virgin Media
- 11.55 - 12.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 - 12.55 **Next steps for 'Digital Scotland'**
Fergus Ewing MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Connectivity, The Scottish Government
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Rhoda Grant MSP, Rural Economy and Connectivity Spokesperson, Scottish Labour Party
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Scotland Policy Conferences