Scotland Policy Conferences Keynote Seminar: Priorities for developing Scotland's cities and regions - City Deals, partnerships and economic strategy
Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 20th September 2017
Venue: Central Edinburgh

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8.30 - 9.00	Registration and coffee
9.00 - 9.05	**Chair's opening remarks** **Jackie Baillie MSP**, Member, Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee
	Lessons so far: designing and delivering City Deals
9.05 - 9.15	*Learning from the first wave of City Deals* **Pat Ritchie**, Chief Executive, Newcastle City Council
9.15 - 9.25	*Challenges and opportunities for future City Deals* **David Littlejohn**, Head, Tay Cities Deal
9.25 - 9.35	*Key issues for delivery* **Robert Pollock**, Director, Programme Management Office, Glasgow City Region Deal
9.35 - 9.55	Questions and comments from the floor
9.55 - 10.45	**City Deals and driving local economic growth: key sectors, infrastructure and industrial strategy** **Toby Reid**, Managing Director, BioCity Group **Paul Zealey**, Skills Planning Lead, Skills Development Scotland Senior representative, energy Senior representative, infrastructure Senior representative, creative industries Questions and comments from the floor
10.45 - 10.50	**Chair's closing remarks** **Jackie Baillie MSP**, Member, Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee
10.50 - 11.15	Coffee
11.15 - 11.20	**Chair's opening remarks** Senior Parliamentarian
	Developing the City Deals model: investment, collaborative working and inclusive growth
11.20 - 11.30	*Bridging the EU funding gap: inward investment and international relationships* Senior representative, finance
11.30 - 11.40	*Supporting collaborative working across the public and private sectors* **Hugh Aitken**, Director, CBI Scotland
11.40 - 11.50	*Spreading the benefits: delivering inclusive growth* **Stewart Carruth**, Chief Executive, Stirling Council
11.50 - 12.10	Questions and comments from the floor
12.10 - 12.55	**Next steps for Scotland's cities and regions** Senior representative, policy Senior representative, policy Questions and comments from the floor
12.55 - 13.00	**Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks** Senior Parliamentarian **Stephanie Barr**, Forum Lead, Scotland Policy Conferences