

Scotland Policy Conferences Keynote Seminar:

Next steps for environmental policy in Scotland - natural capital, biodiversity and delivering sustainable economic growth

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 1st March 2017

Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel Edinburgh, 80 High Street, The Royal Mile, Edinburgh EH1 1TH

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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Alexander Burnett MSP, Member, Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee
- 9.05 - 9.15 **Scotland's 2020 Biodiversity Challenge: assessing progress, priorities for action and the impact of Brexit**
Peter Rawcliffe, Unit Manager, People and Places, Scottish Natural Heritage
- 9.15 - 10.00 **Achieving the strategic aims for biodiversity in Scotland: conservation, rewilding and business engagement**
With the Scottish Government reviewing progress of its Biodiversity Strategy, what should be the policy priorities for the Scottish Government and other key stakeholders in ensuring that the decline in Scotland's biodiversity is halted and reversed? How can stakeholders - such as local authorities, conservation groups, landowners and businesses - better work together when drafting Local Biodiversity Action Plans in order to protect ecosystems?
David Balharry, Scotland Director, Rewilding Britain
Susan Davies, Director of Conservation, Scottish Wildlife Trust
Anne Gray, Senior Policy Officer, Land Use and Environment, Scottish Land and Estates
Marina Curran-Colthart, Local Biodiversity Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
Questions and comments from the floor with **Peter Rawcliffe**, Unit Manager, People and Places, Scottish Natural Heritage
- 10.00 - 10.30 **Policy priorities for natural capital and biodiversity in Scotland**
Roseanna Cunningham MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform, The Scottish Government
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 - 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Alexander Burnett MSP, Member, Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee
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- 11.05 - 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Graeme Dey MSP, Convener, Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee
- 11.10 - 11.55 **Developing the wider benefits of Scotland's natural capital: wellbeing, education and community engagement**
What should be the priorities for ensuring that Scotland's natural capital is used to benefit wider society? For instance how can natural capital be used to improve the health and wellbeing of Scotland's citizens - through initiatives such as green prescribing - and what more can be done to ensure greater citizen involvement in place making and environmental decision-making? What are the key challenges for better educating and engaging citizens on the value of Scotland's natural capital?
Dr Mags Currie, Researcher, The James Hutton Institute
Karen Anderson, Chair, Architecture and Design Scotland
Peter Robson, Senior Ecologist, ScottishPower Renewables
Emma Strong, Sustainable Finance Associate, UK Green Investment Bank
Questions and comments from the floor
- Next steps for leveraging Scotland's natural capital into sustainable economic growth**
- 11.55 - 12.05 **Opportunities for the devolved Crown Estate**
Andy Wells, Head of Property, Scotland Portfolio, The Crown Estate
- 12.05 - 12.15 **Delivering a sustainable marine economy**
Walter Speirs, Chair, Scottish Seaweed Industry Association
- 12.15 - 12.25 **Managing Scotland's forests: the Forestry Bill and opportunities for growth**
Andrew Heald, Technical Director, Confor: Promoting Forestry and Wood
- 12.25 - 12.35 **Enhancing the relationship between tourism and natural capital**
Jon Proctor, Chief Executive, Green Tourism
- 12.35 - 12.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Graeme Dey MSP, Convener, Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee
Stephanie Barr, Forum Lead, Scotland Policy Conferences