

Scotland Policy Conferences Keynote Seminar: Priorities for developing energy efficiency in Scotland

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Venue: Central Edinburgh



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Mark Ruskell MSP, Spokesperson for Climate, Energy and Environment, Scottish Green Party
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Long-term strategy for energy efficiency in Scotland**
Paul Wheelhouse MSP, Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy, The Scottish Government
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.35 **Priorities for Scotland's Energy Efficiency Programme - pilot programmes, procurement and private sector finance**
As the Scottish Government prepares to roll out Scotland's Energy Efficiency Programme (SEEP) in 2018, what can we learn from initial pilots about innovative approaches to improving energy efficiency across domestic and non-domestic settings? What can the upcoming Phase 2 SEEP pilots tell us about potential approaches to designing and implementing Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategies, which the Scottish Government is currently considering introducing on a statutory basis? How can initiatives, such as Scotland Excel's recently announced £800m procurement contract, and finance providers from the private sector, work in tandem with SEEP pilots to deliver energy efficiency improvements across local authorities and housing associations? Following consultation by the Scottish Government on potential changes to district heating regulation, what measures are needed to support the further development of district heating networks and what lessons can be learnt from district heating systems already in place, particularly in relation to their funding, planning and coordination of stakeholders?
Janice Pauwels, Head of Energy and Low Carbon, City of Edinburgh Council
Sam Illsley, Programme Manager, Scotland, Salix Finance
Dave Pearson, Director, Star Renewable Energy
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, consultancy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 - 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Mark Ruskell MSP, Spokesperson for Climate, Energy and Environment, Scottish Green Party
- 10.40 - 11.10 Coffee
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Liam McArthur MSP, Spokesperson for Energy, Scottish Liberal Democrats
- 11.15 - 12.10 **Next steps for domestic energy efficiency - regulation, sustainable design and tackling fuel poverty**
With the Scottish Government set to gain further powers over the design and implementation of the Energy Company Obligation (ECO) by April 2018, how can energy companies, regulators and consumer groups work together to ensure that any potential changes to a devolved ECO have the most effective impact on reducing fuel poverty in Scotland? How can architecture and design professionals employ principles of sustainable design - such as the Passivhaus Standard, which seeks to reduce the need for heating and cooling - to ensure that buildings in Scotland are energy efficient from the outset?
Keith Armstrong, Director of Energy Services, SSE
Matt Bridgestock, Director, John Gilbert Architects
Speaker confirmed from **Ofgem**
Speaker confirmed from **Citizens Advice Scotland**
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.10 - 12.55 **Energy efficiency for business - reducing overheads, accessing finance and lowering energy usage**
How can the Scottish Government engage with business to harness the potential economic benefits of improved energy efficiency, such as reduced overheads for industry? In addition to government funding, what other financing options are available for businesses seeking to improve their energy efficiency? How can technological developments such as the Internet of Things, be employed to assist businesses monitor and reduce their energy usage? What role can demand side response technologies play in reducing energy consumption within energy intensive industries?
Professor Karen Turner, Director, Centre for Energy Policy, University of Strathclyde
Iain Watson, Director, Energy Efficiency, Green Investment Bank
George McGhee, Chief Executive Officer, NetThings
Yoav Zingher, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, KiWi Power
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Liam McArthur MSP, Spokesperson for Energy, Scottish Liberal Democrats
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Scotland Policy Conferences