

Scotland Policy Conferences Keynote Seminar:

Next steps for Scottish schools: funding, governance and priorities for the workforce

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 22nd June 2017

Venue: Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Nicolson Street, Edinburgh EH8 9DW



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8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee

9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**

James Dornan MSP, Convener, Education and Skills Committee

Assessing the current governance structures and options for the future: developing educational regions and school clusters

What should be the priorities for local authorities in preparing for the development of education regions? How will such regions need to develop to play a meaningful role in improving partnership working and the sharing of best practice? What are the potential implications of educational regions for the role of local authorities within education? Following the regionalisation of colleges in 2014, what lessons can be learnt by schools regarding the regionalisation process and implementation? What are the next steps for developing school clusters and supporting collaborative working - across early years, primary and secondary education and the wider educational community - throughout Scotland?

9.05 - 9.15 **Russell Gunson**, Director, IPPR Scotland

9.15 - 9.25 **Keir Bloomer**, Independent Education Consultant

9.25 - 9.35 **Andrew Witty**, Director of Sector Policy, Colleges Scotland

9.35 - 9.45 Senior representative, council

9.45 - 9.55 Senior representative, school

9.55 - 10.20 Questions and comments from the floor

10.20 - 10.25 **Chair's closing remarks**

James Dornan MSP, Convener, Education and Skills Committee

10.25 - 10.55 Coffee

10.55 - 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**

Tavish Scott MSP, Spokesperson for Education and Sport, Scottish Liberal Democrats

11.00 - 11.55 **Devolving power in Scottish education: practicalities and implementation**

In addition to current devolved school management arrangements, what are the practical implications of devolving further responsibilities to headteachers? Given current concerns from teachers regarding devolution of additional responsibilities, particularly in regard to workload and the potential impact on standards of teaching, what further steps should be taken to support them in adapting to future changes? What assessment can be made of the Pupil Equity Fund thus far, in relation to allocation and its potential contribution to tackling the attainment gap?

Jane Wilson, Director, Scottish Parent Teacher Council and Teacher, Gleniffer High School, Renfrewshire

John Fyffe, Senior Depute Chief Executive, Perth & Kinross Council

Jean Carwood-Edwards, Chief Executive, Early Years Scotland

Steve Ross, Headteacher, Craigroyston Community High School, Edinburgh

Senior representative, primary

Questions and comments from the floor

Developing the workforce - leadership, standards and professional learning

With plans to make the new qualification for headteachers mandatory, what steps can be taken to ensure it does not negatively impact on headteacher recruitment, given current challenges with posts remaining vacant throughout Scotland? What are the priorities for initial teacher education, in light of future changes to the governance system? What steps could be taken to support improved working between schools and universities?

11.55 - 12.05 **Gillian Hamilton**, Chief Executive, Scottish College for Educational Leadership

12.05 - 12.15 **Linda Brownlow**, Deputy Head, School of Education and PGDE Professional Specialisation Module Leader, University of Strathclyde

12.15 - 12.25 **Larry Flanagan**, General Secretary, Educational Institute of Scotland

12.25 - 12.35 **Ken Muir**, Chief Executive and Registrar, General Teaching Council for Scotland

12.35 - 12.55 Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**

Tavish Scott MSP, Spokesperson for Education and Sport, Scottish Liberal Democrats

Stephanie Barr, Forum Lead, Scotland Policy Conferences