

Scotland Policy Conferences keynote seminar
Priorities for delivering the Glasgow City Region City Deal - infrastructure, entrepreneurship, employment, and inclusive post-COVID economic recovery

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 10th March 2021

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Sandra White MSP, Deputy Convener, Cross-Party Group on Construction
- 9.05 **The Glasgow City Region City Deal - latest progress, findings of the Gateway Review, and tackling the economic impact of COVID-19**
Councillor Susan Aitken, Leader, Glasgow City Council and Chair, Glasgow City Region Cabinet
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Delivering enhanced connectivity within the Glasgow City Region**
Stuart Patrick, CEO, Glasgow Chamber of Commerce
- 9.45 **Key priorities across the City Region - transport and infrastructure, regeneration and inclusive growth, and the development of the Clyde Mission**
Clr Tony Buchanan, Leader, East Renfrewshire Council and Portfolio Lead for Infrastructure, Glasgow City Region
Graham Ross, Partner, Urban Environments, Austin-Smith:Lord
Phil Siveter, Chief Executive Officer - UK and Ireland, Nokia
John Dowie, Strategy Director, FirstBus
- 10.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Sandra White MSP, Deputy Convener, Cross-Party Group on Construction
- 10.40 Break
- 10.50 **Chair's opening remarks**
Pauline McNeill MSP, Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Equalities, Housing and Social Security
- 10.55 **Delivering the Powerhouse of the North ambition - building life science and manufacturing capabilities, fostering entrepreneurship, and developing spaces to facilitate business incubators and growth areas**
Professor Dame Anna Glover, Chief Scientific Adviser to the President of the European Commission, 2012- 2015; Chief Scientific Adviser for Scotland, 2006 - 2011; President, Royal Society of Edinburgh; Chair, The Carnegie Trust and Special Adviser to the Vice Chancellor, University of Strathclyde
Professor Sir Jim McDonald, Vice Chancellor, University of Strathclyde
Benny McLaughlin, Director, Glasgow Riverside Innovation District (GRID)
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 **Improving employment opportunities - supporting the tourist and hospitality sectors, helping young people entering the job market, and developing innovative approaches in the wake of COVID-19**
Christopher Martin, Co-Founder and Director of Urban Strategy, Urban Movement
Paul Zealey, Regional Skills Planning Lead, Skills Development Scotland
Des McNulty, Vice Chair, Glasgow Commission for Economic Growth
Gillian Docherty, Chief Executive Officer, The Data Lab
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 Break
- 12.25 **Priorities for government support of the City Region Deal**
Michael Matheson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity
Iain Stewart MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Scotland, Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Pauline McNeill MSP, Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Equalities, Housing and Social Security
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Scotland Policy Conferences