

Scotland Policy Conferences keynote seminar:

Next steps for planning policy in Scotland

Timing: Morning, Friday, 12th April 2024

Taking Place Online



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Maggie Chapman MSP, Member, Economy and Fair Work Committee
- 9.05 **Assessing progress and next steps for planning policy reform in Scotland**
Craig McLaren, National Planning Improvement Champion, Improvement Service
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Priorities and key issues for NPF4 implementation**
Local development plans | The consenting process | Improving local living | 20-minute neighbourhoods | Progressing on net zero targets | Assessing what support is needed to ensure high quality applications | Key priorities for local authorities
Lorraine Tulloch, Chief Executive, Greenspace Scotland
Craig Whelton, Partner, Burges Salmon
Councillor James Dalgleish, Convenor, Planning Committee, City of Edinburgh Council
Stephen Tucker, Urban Design Director, Stantec
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Challenges faced by local planning authorities - key issues for resourcing and skills development**
Fraser Carlin, Chair, Committee on Performance and Practice, Heads of Planning Scotland
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 **Chair's closing remarks**
Maggie Chapman MSP, Member, Economy and Fair Work Committee
- 11.10 Break
- 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.25 **Key priorities for the housing sector**
Identifying issues around housing provision | Balancing delivery with sustainability | Support for house builders
Dr Husam Al Waer, Reader in Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Dundee
Senior representative, land use
Senior representative, housing development
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.10 **Options for streamlining the planning system**
Challenges around consenting | Priorities for the energy sector | Adopting innovation | Making progress on LDPs
Fergus Murray, Head of Development and Economic Growth, Development and Infrastructure Services, Argyll and Bute Council
Paul Ede, Project Manager, Planning Aid for Scotland
Neil Collar, Partner and Head of Planning Law, Brodies
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Tiernan Phipps, Scotland Policy Conferences