

**Policy Forum for Northern Ireland Keynote Seminar:  
Next steps in delivering the Belfast City Region Deal**

*Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018*

*Venue: Belfast*



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly
- 9.05 - 9.40 **Priorities for delivering a deal for the Belfast Region**  
**Liam Hannaway**, Chief Executive Officer, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council  
**Stephen Wallace**, Associate Director, KPMG Belfast  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.40 - 9.55 **Lessons on delivering city deals**  
**Professor Gordon Matheson**, Visiting Professor and Consultant, Institute for Future Cities, University of Strathclyde
- 9.55 - 10.55 **Tackling the infrastructure challenges - connectivity, innovation and planning**  
**Deborah Colville**, Manager, Smart Cities Portfolio, Belfast City Council  
**Richard Kirk**, Regional Director, Institution of Civil Engineers  
**Allen Irwin**, Major Deals Lead, Wholesale, BT  
**Robin Totten**, Senior Programme Manager, Belfast Rapid Transit and Head, Business Change, Translink  
**Didar Dhillon**, Partner, Pinsent Masons  
Questions and comments from the floor with **Professor Gordon Matheson**, Visiting Professor and Consultant, Institute for Future Cities, University of Strathclyde
- 10.55 - 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly
- 11.00 - 11.25 Coffee
- 11.25 - 11.30 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Claire Hanna MLA**, Member of the Legislative Assembly for South Belfast and Finance Spokesperson, SDLP
- 11.30 - 12.30 **Developing workforce skills for regional economic growth - assessing key partnerships**  
**Dr Norman Apsley**, Chief Executive Officer, Catalyst  
**Professor Paddy Nixon**, Vice Chancellor and President, Ulster University  
**Professor Ian Greer**, Vice Chancellor Designate, Queen's University Belfast  
Senior representative, business  
Senior representative, colleges  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Supporting the Belfast City Region Deal**  
Senior speaker to be confirmed  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Northern Ireland closing remarks**  
**Claire Hanna MLA**, Member of the Legislative Assembly for South Belfast and Finance Spokesperson, SDLP  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Northern Ireland