

Policy Forum for Northern Ireland Keynote Seminar
Next steps for delivering the Belfast City Region Deal: infrastructure, key partnerships and developing workforce skills

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 5th 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
Marie-Thérèse McGivern, Principal and Chief Executive, Belfast Metropolitan College
Senior speaker confirmed from **CBI**
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