

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: Radisson Blu Hotel, The Gasworks, 3 Cromac Place, Ormeau Road, Belfast BT7 2JB



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Mike Nesbitt MLA, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Strangford
- 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, Institute for Future Cities, University of Strathclyde
- 9.55 - 10.50 **Tackling the infrastructure challenges - connectivity, innovation and planning**
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
Gary McGhee, Partner & Head of Planning & Environmental Law, Carson McDowell
Questions and comments from the floor with **Professor Gordon Matheson**, Visiting Professor, Institute for Future Cities, University of Strathclyde
- 10.50 - 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Mike Nesbitt MLA, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Strangford
- 10.55 - 11.20 Coffee
- 11.20 - 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Claire Hanna MLA, Member of the Legislative Assembly for South Belfast and Finance Spokesperson, SDLP
- 11.25 - 12.25 **Developing workforce skills for regional economic growth - assessing key partnerships**
Dr Norman Apsley, Chief Executive Officer, Catalyst
Professor Alastair Adair, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Ulster University
Professor Ian Greer, President and Vice-Chancellor, Queen's University Belfast
Marie-Thérèse McGivern, Principal and Chief Executive, Belfast Metropolitan College
Angela McGowan, Northern Ireland Director, CBI
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 - 12.55 **Developing the role of local authorities in economic development and the future for growth deals in Northern Ireland**
Derek McCallan, Chief Executive Officer, NILGA
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
Roger Greer, Associate Producer, Policy Forum for Northern Ireland