

**Policy Forum for Northern Ireland keynote seminar
Implementing the Derry-Londonderry and Strabane City Region City Deal**

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 8th September 2021

*****Taking Place Online*****



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Daniel McCrossan MLA, Member, Committee for Education, Northern Ireland Assembly
- 9.05 **The vision for the Derry-Londonderry and Strabane City Region City Deal**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Progress on implementing the City Region Deal and key priorities moving forward**
Robin Walker MP, Minister of State, Northern Ireland Office
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.05 Break
- 10.10 **Assessing the City Deal projects and delivering transformational change in the region - innovation, the digital economy and regeneration**
Senior speaker confirmed from **Tourism Northern Ireland**
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, health
Senior representative, further education
Senior representative, higher education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
Daniel McCrossan MLA, Member, Committee for Education, Northern Ireland Assembly
- 11.05 Break
- 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Gary Middleton MLA, Member, Committee for the Economy, Northern Ireland Assembly
- 11.20 **Delivering the Deal and priorities for governance and accountability**
Senior representative, local government
- 11.30 **Ensuring the Deal benefits the wider North West region**
John McLaughlin, Chief Executive, Donegal County Council
- 11.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 Break
- 12.05 **Building on the Deal's vision and making it work in practice - attracting inward investment, meeting the needs of business, delivering a skilled and talented regional workforce and learning from the progress of other Deals**
Kevin Holland, Chief Executive Officer, Invest Northern Ireland
Paul Hannigan, President, Letterkenny Institute of Technology
Roisin McAliskey, Development Manager, Federation of Small Businesses Northern Ireland
Dr Justin Quinn, Senior Lecturer and Director of the Centre for Engineering and Renewable Energy, Ulster University
Kevin Rush, Director of Regional Economic Growth, Glasgow City Region
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Northern Ireland closing remarks**
Gary Middleton MLA, Member, Committee for the Economy, Northern Ireland Assembly
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Northern Ireland