

Policy Forum for Northern Ireland keynote seminar
Priorities for NI infrastructure - economic recovery post COVID-19, funding and delivery, and the role of City and Growth Deals

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 21st October 2020

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



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Paul Frew MLA, Vice-Chairperson, Assembly All Party Group on Construction
- 9.05 **The vision for infrastructure in Northern Ireland in the wake of COVID-19**
Nichola Mallon MLA, Minister for Infrastructure
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.40 Break
- 9.45 **Delivering immediate infrastructure priorities for the new normal - developing blue/green infrastructure projects, funding, and working with communities and business**
Derek McCallan, Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Local Government Association
Craig McGuicken, Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Environment Link
Rachel Harrison, Associate Director, KPMG
Caroline Bloomfield, Director, Sustrans NI & ROI
Senior representative, public transport
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Paul Frew MLA, Vice-Chairperson, Assembly All Party Group on Construction
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Member of the Legislative Assembly
- 11.05 **Ensuring the effective planning and delivery of long term infrastructure needs and projects**
Jo Aston, Managing Director, SONI
Dr Eoin Magennis, Senior Economist, Ulster University
Barry Nay, Head of Asset Management, NI Water
Philip Stinson, Director, Turley
Councillor John Hussey, Chair, Planning Committee, Belfast City Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.05 Break
- 12.10 **The role of City and Growth Deals in meeting Northern Ireland's infrastructure needs and the next steps for implementation**
Marie Ward, Chief Executive, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Donal Durkan, Executive Director, Strategy, Invest Northern Ireland
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Northern Ireland closing remarks**
Member of the Legislative Assembly
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Northern Ireland