

Policy Forum for Northern Ireland keynote seminar
Next steps for city and growth deals in Northern Ireland - implementation, co-ordination and ensuring inclusive growth

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 4th December 2019

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 - 9.45 **Implementing City Deals in the Belfast City and Derry-Londonderry Regions**
Suzanne Wylie, Chief Executive, Belfast City Council
Senior speaker confirmed from **Derry City and Strabane District Council**
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.45 - 10.35 **Co-ordinating city deals - ensuring economic development through collaboration**
Ashleen Feeney, Director, KPMG
Professor Paddy Nixon, President and Vice-Chancellor, Ulster University
Senior speaker confirmed from **Northern Ireland Water**
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, Irish local authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 - 10.55 **Relationship between the layers of government - the role of local, devolved, and central government in the city deal process**
Derek McCallan, Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Local Government Association
Questions and comments from the floor
- 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**
Colum Eastwood MLA, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Foyle and Leader, Social Democratic and Labour Party
- 11.30 - 12.30 **Promoting inclusive growth - using the city deals for economic and social regeneration in Northern Ireland**
Professor Ian Greer, President and Vice-Chancellor, Queen's University Belfast
Leo Murphy, Principal and Chief Executive, North West Regional College
Marie Ward, Director, Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Róisín McLaughlin, Coordinator, North West Community Network
Senior speaker confirmed from the **Federation of Small Businesses**
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **City and growth deals in Northern Ireland - priorities for policy**
Senior speaker confirmed from the **Northern Ireland Office**
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Northern Ireland closing remarks**
Colum Eastwood MLA, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Foyle and Leader, Social Democratic and Labour Party
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Northern Ireland