

Scotland Policy Conferences:

Next steps for infrastructure in Scotland - strategy, investment and implementation

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Infrastructure and the planning system in Scotland - assessing issues, challenges, and opportunities**
Senior commentator
- 9.20 **Priorities for infrastructure delivery - national economic development, meeting future needs, and prioritising critical projects**
stakeholder responses to the draft Infrastructure Investment Strategy and assessing further support required | facilitating national economic growth and alignment with the National Strategy for Economic Transformation | priorities for the Infrastructure Delivery Pipeline and addressing practical barriers to delivery | sequencing priorities across programmes and managing interdependencies | managing delivery timescales, cost inflation, and affordability pressures | developing skills and workforce capacity | priorities for infrastructure supply chains and supporting SMEs | strengthening local authority delivery capacity | assessing changes to the electricity infrastructure consenting system | response to Key Agency Rapid Planning Audits | scope for reform to planning and delivery processes | coordination and integration across delivery bodies | feasibility, accountability, and delivery of critical infrastructure projects, including for energy security
Nick Rowan, Managing Director, Scotland, Balfour Beatty
Wendy Kimpton, Director, Strategy and Regulation, Scottish Water
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, energy
- 9.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 **Next steps for attracting investment to support project development and growth across Scotland**
Senior representative, investment
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 **Next steps for climate-resilient infrastructure and outcomes in the Scottish National Adaptation Plan and Green Industrial Strategy**
Senior representative, infrastructure
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.25 **Strategic and practical considerations for place-based approaches to infrastructure**
Dr Caroline Brown, Director, RTPi Scotland
- 11.35 **Achieving long-term objectives for infrastructure programmes - regional growth, community benefit, and social value**
achieving regional balance and equity in infrastructure investment | role of infrastructure development in addressing health and economic inequalities | strengthening community engagement and local participation | alignment with the National Planning Framework and the Place Principle | maintaining and upgrading existing infrastructure alongside new development | achieving deliverability alongside sustainability priorities | net zero and biodiversity ambitions for infrastructure in the Climate Change Plan | conserving and strengthening long-term resilience | assessing the effectiveness of existing delivery and governance frameworks | implications for long-term programme prioritisation and investment certainty
Cait Sinnott, Senior Environmental and Sustainability Consultant, Mott MacDonald
Bettina Sizeland, Director, Transport Integration and Connectivity, Transport Scotland
Robert Thorburn, Partnership Director, Openreach
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, nature
- 12.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 **Next steps for infrastructure investment and strategy**
Peter Reekie, Chief Executive, Scottish Futures Trust
Daniel Hinze, Deputy Director, Infrastructure, The Scottish Government
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Harry Nelson, Scotland Policy Conferences