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REIMAGINING SCOTLAND'S CITIES

Day 1 | 2 February 2021 | 09:15 - 13:55

Scotland's cities have faced unprecedented disruption as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Yet the pandemic has also created space to reimagine our cities, and what they offer residents and the nation. Cities across the globe have leveraged the disruption of the pandemic to implement transformative approaches to city management. Closer to home, the Scottish Government's recent Programme for Government signalled an ambition to rethink Scotland's cities and deliver a place-based agenda that supports efforts to tackle the climate emergency and support a wellbeing economy. So how can Scotland fulfil this ambition, drawing on best practice from cities across the world? Join Holyrood Communications as we seek to answer this question across two days of exciting discussion, featuring key policymakers and thought leaders from across Scotland and further afield.

EVENT AGENDA

09:15 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION FROM THE CHAIR

Professor Mark Boyle
Co-Director, Heseltine Institute for Public Policy, Practice and Place, University of Liverpool

09:20 SESSION ONE: A NEW VISION FOR SCOTLAND'S CITIES

In our opening session we will hear from both the Scottish Government and UK Government as they present their vision for the future of Scotland's cities. We will also hear from an international expert on the global trends in city management.

Iain Stewart MP
Under Secretary of State for Scotland, Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland, UK Government

Councillor John Alexander,
Chair & Leader, Scottish Cities Alliance & Dundee City Council

Lolita Jackson
Special Advisor, Climate Policy and Programs, Office of the Mayor of New York City

10:20 COMFORT BREAK

10:40 SESSION TWO: BUILDING GREENER, LIVEABLE CITIES

Our second session will examine how Scotland can learn lessons from throughout the pandemic, and create more liveable, sustainable cities by encouraging greater use of active travel and rethinking public spaces. In particular we will discuss the Scottish Government's plan to create 20-minute neighbourhoods, with reference to example of similar initiatives across the globe.

Daisy Naryanan
Director of Urbanism, Sustrans

Hannah Smith
Regional Director, ICE

Anna Lisa Boni
Secretary-General, Eurocities

11:40 LUNCH

12:15 SESSION THREE: THE DIGITAL CITY

In this session we will discuss the role that technology can play in enabling the transformation of Scotland's cities – whether it be GIS smart mapping, open data or cutting-edge digital connectivity.

Doug Young
Data Cluster Co-ordinator

13:00 SESSION FOUR: DELIVERING INCLUSIVE, RESILIENT CITY INFRASTRUCTURE

In the session, we will consider how we maximise the potential of City Deals and synthesize this with strategic planning as embodied by the IIP, and to a more substantial extent, NPF4.

Professor Duncan MacLennan
Professor in Public Policy, University of Glasgow & Member, Audit Scotland Advisory Group on City Region and Growth Deals

Jonathan Guthrie
Director for Strategic Partnerships, The Robertson Group

13:50 CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS

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Day 2 | 3 February 2021 | 09:40 - 14:05

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Richard Bellingham
Director Sustainable Cities & Energy Policy, University of Strathclyde

09:45 SESSION FIVE: ENGINES OF INNOVATION – HOW CITIES CAN DRIVE THE RECOVERY

The pandemic has had a devastating impact on economies across the globe, with major action needed to repair the damage. The Scottish Government has placed innovation at the heart of its economic recovery plans. So what role can Scotland's cities play in fostering innovation as a driver of recovery?

Stuart Patrick CBE
Chief Executive, Glasgow Chamber of Commerce

Pia Pakarinen
Deputy Mayor, Helsinki & Chair, Eurocities Economic Development Forum

10:50 SESSION SIX: BRIDGING THE FUNDING GAP: SECURING RELIABLE PARTNERSHIPS AND INVESTMENT TO UNLOCK GROWTH

In this session, we will discuss the funding models and financing strategies available for delivery of smart, sustainable and economically-optimal cities but also focus on examples of best practice in engendering broad collaboration and involvement of external partners.

Jennifer Crow
Chief Executive, Opportunity North East (ONE)

Graeme Greenhill
Senior Manager, Audit Scotland

11:50 COMFORT BREAK

12:05 SESSION SEVEN: DELIVERING A SOCIALLY EMPOWERED CITY

Any rethink of Scotland's cities must also include an examination of the circumstances of citizens. How can we reimagine our cities as a place where citizens have power to fulfil their

ambitions and play an active role in shaping the direction of the communities in which they live? In this session we will discuss the methods by which Scotland's cities can make that ambition a reality.

Brian Connolly
Specialist - Community Wealth Building, Scottish Enterprise

Neil McInroy
Chief Executive, CLES

Councillor Susan Aitken
Leader, Glasgow City Council

Kathy Risko
Executive Director, Sister Cities Association of Pittsburgh

13:20 SESSION EIGHT: WHAT NEXT?

Our final session will draw together the themes of the previous session, as well as a speaker from each, to discuss the major lessons and how these can be incorporated into an action plan for transforming Scotland's cities.

Michael Matheson MSP
Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure & Connectivity, Scottish Government

14:00 CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS

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