

Scottish Local Authority Transport: The funding and policy challenges ahead

A one day networking conference for all those working in and with Scottish local government transport

Tuesday 28th February 2012, Verity House, COSLA Conference Centre, Haymarket, Edinburgh

Ministerial Address: Keith Brown MSP, Minister for Transport and Housing, Scottish Government

Conference overview

Crawford Beveridge's 'Independent Budget Review' and the findings of the Christie Commission highlighted significant issues for local government in Scotland.

What are the implications of Beveridge's comments on funding and Christie's focus on 'directing resources at preventative measures' for transport services in Scotland?

This one day conference is an opportunity for all those involved in the provision and delivery of transport in Scotland to consider the financial and policy challenges and to discuss the way forward.

Conference programme

09:00-10:00 Registration
10:00-10:05 Chair's Opening Remarks

Session 1 – Deciding transport priorities with diminishing resources

10:05-10:25 *John McLaren, Honorary Professor, Centre for Public Policy for Regions*
The scale of the transport financial challenge ahead

10:25-10:45 *Marshall Poulton, Head of Transport, City of Edinburgh Council & Vice Chair, Society of Chief Officers of Transportation in Scotland (SCOTS)*
Managing transport service provision in the face of reduced budgets

10:45-11:05 *Claire Sweeney, Portfolio Manager – Performance Audit Group, Audit Scotland*
Transport for health and social care

11:05-11:45 Question and Answer Session followed by refreshments

Session 2 – The Strategic Picture

- 11:45-11:50 Chair's Welcome Back
- 11:50-12:10 ***Keith Brown MSP, Minister for Housing and Transport,
Scottish Government
Ministerial Address***
- 12:10-12:35 *Dr James Cooper, Senior Research Fellow, Transport Research
Institute, Edinburgh Napier University*
Strategic direction: achieving better transport through planning,
budgeting and public dialogue
- 12:35-12:45 Question and Answer Session followed by lunch

Session 3 – Can the Christie Commission's focus on "directing resources at preventative measures" help deliver better transport outcomes?

- 13:45-13:50 Chair's Welcome Back
- 13:50-14:10 *Councillor Alison Hay, Chair of COSLA's Regeneration and
Sustainable Development
Executive Group*
Local delivery of transport
- 14:10-14:30 *Bob McLellan, Head of Transportation, Fife Council*
The costs and consequences of unusual events – from flooding
and severe weather to
asset failure
- 14:30-14:50 Speaker and topic to be announced shortly
- 14:50-15:15 Refreshments

Panel Debate – Transport budgetary pressures, policies and priorities

- 15:15-16:15 Councillor Russell Imrie, Chair of Planning, Midlothian Council
Transport User Group to be confirmed
Transport Consultancy to be confirmed

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