

**SCOTLAND
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CONFERENCE 2021
Thursday 10th June
Leadership in a Post Covid-19 World

Morning Sessions

9.00-9.30am ... Turning Public Procurement Group Priorities into Reality

- **Nick Ford - Director, Procurement and Property, Scottish Government**

Tasked with setting strategic direction for public procurement in Scotland, with the aim of using the Scottish public sector's collective spending power to support a green economic recovery and promote procurement as an enabler for change. Nick Ford will provide an update as to the PPG priorities, with a focus on activity to implementation.

10.00-10.55am ... Post Covid-19 + Brexit - Business Continuity, Supply Chains and Sustainability: Lessons Learned in 2020 (Panel Discussion)

- **Jayne Jones - Commercial Manager for Commercial Services, Argyll and Bute Council**
- **Mel Mackenzie - Strategic Procurement Manager, Commercial & Procurement Shared Services**
- **Mark Thomson - Response, Renew & Recovery Senior Manager, Dumfries and Galloway Council**
- **Hugh Carr - Head of Strategic Procurement, Scotland Excel**

In the last year two significant events have changed the future of public sector procurement: the Covid-19 pandemic and Brexit. Our panel will discuss business continuity, supply chains and sustainability, considering what we can draw from these unprecedented events to shape how we move forward and successfully learn from our combined experiences.

11.30-12 noon ... A Changing Nation: How Scotland Will Thrive in a Digital World

- **Martyn Wallace - Chief Digital Officer, The Digital Office**

Martyn Wallace will share the strategy for Scotland to fulfil its potential in a constantly evolving digital world and outline the steps that the Scottish Government will take in order to ensure that everyone in Scotland has the skills, connectivity and devices required to fully participate in our digital nation.

Afternoon Sessions

1.00-1.30pm ... Cyber Security & Resilience

- **Andy Grayland - Chief Information Security Officer, The Digital Office**

News of data breaches and online fraud has become a matter of regular occurrence in a world where digital has moved to the forefront. This serves as a constant reminder that organisations need a robust strategy for fraud prevention and cybersecurity. In particular, the public sector, covering multiple key services areas such as healthcare, education, housing, social care and more, have become key targets for cybercriminals.

2.00-2.30pm ... DETER - Tackling Serious Organised Crime

- **Robert Steenson - North Lanarkshire Council, Strand Lead for DETER**

DETER is one of the four key objectives of the Scottish Government's Serious Organised Crime Strategy, undertaking activity to deter serious organised crime groups by supporting private, public and third sector organisations to protect themselves and each other. Robert Steenson will provide an update as to the vital work of DETER in tackling SOC and how this can impact on local communities across Scotland.

3.00-3.30pm ... The Future Workplace

- **Dr Nicola Millard - Futurologist and Principal Innovation Partner, BT**

The world has changed significantly over the last 18 months, with the majority of employees working from home for over a year. Futurologist Dr Nicola Millard will discuss the latest research and insights on the medium to long term implication of Covid-19 on the workplace.

3.45-4.15pm - Managing a Multi-Generational Workforce

- **Lesley Gilmartin - B + C Executive, Badenoch + Clark**

Today's workforce is more complex than ever before, with leaders being in the unique position of managing teams of up to four or more generations. This has significant implications for employers when considering how to attract, retain and manage employees. Lesley Gilmartin will join us to share her wealth of experience and knowledge on leading today's multigenerational workforce.

* Sessions are correct at time of publication and may be subject to change

These sessions are relevant for senior practitioners and leaders across the public sector.

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