



## HOMES FOR SCOTLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**16 SEPTEMBER 2026  
DYNAMIC EARTH EDINBURGH**

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| <b>Welcome &amp; Introduction</b>                       |                                                                                                                                                        |                           |
| 10.00 – 10.10                                           | Stephen Jardine<br>Chair                                                                                                                               | Chair's welcome           |
| 10.10 – 10.15                                           | Jane Wood<br>Chief Executive                                                                                                                           | Chief Executive's welcome |
| <b>Session 1 – Housing agencies: other perspectives</b> |                                                                                                                                                        |                           |
| <b>(Chair: Stephen Jardine) (10.15-11.20)</b>           |                                                                                                                                                        |                           |
| 10.15 – 10.20                                           | Stephen Jardine<br>Chair                                                                                                                               | Chair's opening remarks   |
| 10.20 – 10.40                                           | Pat Ritchie<br>Chair<br>Homes England                                                                                                                  | Homes England             |
| 10.40 – 11.00                                           | Mark Harris<br>Planning and Policy Advisor<br>Wales, HBF                                                                                               | Wales perspective         |
| 11.00 – 11.20                                           | Conor O'Connell<br>Director, Housing and Planning<br>Construction Industry Federation /<br>Michael Prenty<br>Chair<br>Irish Home Builders' Association | Ireland perspective       |
| 11.20 – 11.40                                           | REFRESHMENTS AND NETWORKING                                                                                                                            |                           |

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| <b>Session 2 – More Homes Scotland: progress and asks</b><br><b>(Chair: Stephen Jardine) (11.40-12.30)</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                 |
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| 11.40 –<br>11.45                                                                                           | Stephen Jardine<br>Chair                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Chair's welcome back                            |
| 11.45 –<br>12.00                                                                                           | Lauren McNamara<br>Programme Director<br>More Homes Scotland Agency<br>Scottish Government                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Progress of More Homes Scotland –<br>what next? |
| 12.00 –<br>12.30                                                                                           | Panellists:<br><br>Lauren McNamara<br>Programme Director<br>More Homes Scotland Agency<br>Scottish Government<br><br>Mike Wiltshire<br>Executive Director Strategy, Markets<br>and Analysis<br>Homes England<br><br>Mark Harris<br>Planning and Policy Advisor<br>Wales, HBF<br><br>Conor O'Connell<br>Director, Housing and Planning<br>Construction Industry Federation /<br>Michael Prenty<br>Chair<br>Irish Home Builders' Association<br><br>Craig Whelton<br>Partner<br>Shepherd and Wedderburn<br><br>Fionna Kell<br>Director of Policy<br>Homes for Scotland | Panel session + Q&A                             |

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| 12.30 – 1.30 | LUNCH & NETWORKING |
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| <b>Session 3 – Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice and Housing and political panel</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                            |
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| <b>(Chair: Stephen Jardine) (1.30– 3.00)</b>                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                            |
| 1.30 – 1.35                                                                             | Stephen Jardine                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Chair's welcome back       |
| 1.35 – 1.45                                                                             | Shirley-Anne Somerville<br>Cabinet Secretary for Social<br>Justice and Housing                                                                                                                                                       | Keynote address            |
| 1.45 – 1.55                                                                             | Shirley-Anne Somerville<br>Cabinet Secretary for Social<br>Justice and Housing                                                                                                                                                       | Q&A with Cabinet Secretary |
| 1.55 – 2.55                                                                             | Thomas Kerr, Reform UK<br>Mark Griffin, Scottish Labour<br>Tim Eagle, Scottish Conservatives<br>Iris Duane, Scottish Green Party<br>Willie Rennie, Scottish Liberal<br>Democrats<br><br>John Low<br>Vice Chair<br>Homes for Scotland | Political panel session    |
| 2.55 – 3.00                                                                             | Jane Wood<br>Chief Executive<br>Homes for Scotland                                                                                                                                                                                   | Closing remarks            |
| 3.00                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Event close                |