

Brexit and beyond: the future for Scottish Rural Businesses

Scottish Land & Estates Annual Conference 2018

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9.00 – 10.00 Breakfast Reception

Registration & Exhibitor Engagement

10.00 – 10.05 Welcome

David Johnstone, Chairman

10.05 – 11.00 Brexit – What does it mean for rural Scotland?

Chair: Ken Rundle

Sarah-Jane Laing, Scottish Land & Estates

Brexit: implications for rural business

James Joicey on behalf of the European Landowners' Organisation

Scotland's relationship with Europe post-Brexit

Marion MacCormick, Scottish Government's Agriculture Champions

Meat versus Veg or Meat and Veg

Charlotte Wright, Highlands and Islands Enterprise

A place-based approach to rural development

Questions and Answer Session

11.00 – 11.20 Refreshments, Networking, Exhibitor Engagement

11.20 – 12.30 **Members case studies – Getting ready for the future**

Chair: Ken Rundle

Graeme McNaughton, Barclays

A banker's perspective: Financing the future of Scottish rural businesses

Introduction to panel members and their businesses – video

Andrew Wells, The Crown Estate - Natural Capital Project

John Goffin, Mauldslie Farm - Deer Farming

Andrew Unsworth, Agron-LED - Vertical Farming

Joanna Macpherson, Attadale Estate - The Challenges & Opportunities for Highland estates

Panel discussion

12.30 – 13.30 **Lunch, Networking, Exhibitor Engagement**

13.30 – 14.30 **Scotland's future after Brexit**

Chair: Ken Rundle

Fergus Ewing MSP

Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Connectivity

Questions & Answers

David Johnstone,

Chairman, Scottish Land & Estates

Lord Duncan of Springbank

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Scotland and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

Questions & Answers

14.30 – 15.30 **Discussion: Supporting land management in future. Where should the money go?**

Chair: Ken Rundle

- Tim Breitmeyer, CLA
- David Seed, Seed & Co/Cothill Farm
- Raymond Henderson Bidwells on behalf of Confor
- Lloyd Austin, Head of Conservation policy, RSPB Scotland

Questions from the floor and panellist debate

15.30 – 15.40 Concluding Remarks from the Chairman

15.50 – 16.50 Networking Drinks Reception and Exhibitor Engagement

15.55 – 16.05 The formal launch of SRUC's Rural Policy Centre and Newcastle University's Centre for Rural Economy 'After Brexit: 10 Key Questions for Rural Policy in Scotland' report.

17.00 Close
