North East Members' Regional Reception 2026

10 November 2026 (14:00 - 17:30)
Balmoral Castle, Ballater, AB35 5TB

EVENT PROGRAMME

14:00 - 14:30	Member registration/tea & coffee
14:30 - 14:35	Welcome from Dr Gordon Drummond (North East Regional Chair)
14:35 - 15:10	• **Paul Macari, Head of Planning and Economy, Aberdeenshire Council** – Shaping Aberdeenshire's Future • Q&A
15:10 - 15:20	Sponsor address - Ian McKee, Executive Chairman, GLM
15:20 - 15:25	Regional activity update (Regional Manager – Fiona Brown)

15:25 - 16:25	**SLE national, organisational, policy and political updates:**
	• Address from Patrick Colquhoun, SLE National Chair
	• National update from Sarah-Jane Laing, Chief Executive, and Stephen Young, Director of Policy
	  ○ Organisational update
	  ○ Policy and political update
	  ○ Looking ahead – challenges, opportunities, and priorities
	• Q&A - opportunity to ask questions of SLE Chair, Chief Executive, and senior team

16:25 - 16:30	Thanks & close by Dr Gordon Drummond (North East Regional Chair)
16:30 - 17:30	Drinks reception, finger buffet and networking

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