



**HOPS Annual Conference and AGM
Collaboration in Planning
Thursday 6th and Friday 7th of June 2019**

Conference and AGM Venue

South Hall Complex
Pollock Halls
University of Edinburgh
18 Holyrood Park Road
Edinburgh
EH16 5AR

Dinner Venue

Radisson Blu Hotel
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Royal Mile
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Thursday 6th June – Conference Day One

Time	Description
10:00 – 12:00	<p>HOPS AGM</p> <p><i>Please note that AGM attendance is restricted to Local Authority Staff and co-opted HOPS committee members</i></p>
12:00 – 13:15	Lunch
13:15 – 13:30	<p>Introduction from the HOPS Chair</p> <p>David Leslie – Chief Planning Officer, The City of Edinburgh Council</p>
13:30 – 13:45	<p>Leadership Across Nations – Perspectives from the Chief Planner</p> <p>John McNairney – Scottish Government</p>
13:45 – 15:00	<p>Collaboration in Leadership</p> <p>Presentations and a group workshop from other planning systems in the UK looking at the themes of effective planning within local government and influencing national decisions. With contributions from English and Welsh Planning Officers Societies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Seddon – Planning Officers Society England • Mark Hand – Planning Officers Society Wales • Pam Ewen – Heads of Planning Scotland
15:00 – 15:15	Break
15:15 – 16:15	<p>Collaboration through joint working</p> <p>Presentations and a group workshop from different professional roles in local government on streamlining our services through joint working. With contributions from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stewart Turner – Society of Chief Officers of Transportation (SCOTS) • Michael McGuinness – Scottish Local Authorities Economic Development (SLAED) • Forbes Barron – Heads of Planning Scotland
16:15 – 17:00	<p>Keynote Presentation - The Challenges of Collaboration</p> <p>Professor Lesley McAra – Edinburgh Futures Institute, University of Edinburgh</p>
17:00 – 17:15	<p>Closing Remarks on Conference Day One</p> <p>David Leslie – Chief Planning Officer, The City of Edinburgh Council</p>
19:00 – 23:00	<p>HOPS Annual Dinner</p> <p>Including a drinks reception to be held at the Radisson Blu hotel on the Royal Mile</p>

Friday 7th June – Conference Day Two

Time	Description
09:00 - 09:15	<p>Arrival Tea and coffee will be available</p>
09:15 – 09:45	<p>Keynote Presentation - The importance of a place-based approach to local government Paul Lawrence - Executive Director of Place, The City of Edinburgh Council</p>
09:45 – 10:30	<p>Collaboration in place making Presentations from national and local government perspectives on the theme of collaborative working to improve the quality of place followed by a group workshop. With contributions from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandy Robinson – Principle Architect, Scottish Government • Heather Chapple – Director of Design, A&DS • Emma Morton – Glasgow City Council Urban Design Panel • Ashley Mullen – West Dunbartonshire Urban Design Panel • Susan Horner – Edinburgh Urban Design Panel
10:30 – 10:45	<p>Break</p>
10:45 – 11:30	<p>Workshop</p>
11:30 – 12:15	<p>Keynote Presentation – Public Health and the Value of Planning Aimee Stimpson - National Lead for Healthy Places, Public Health England</p>
12:15 – 12:30	<p>Conference Summary David Leslie – Chief Planning Officer, The City of Edinburgh Council</p>
12:30	<p>Close of Conference Day Two and Lunch</p>

Keynote Speaker Biographies



David Leslie
Chief Planning Officer at The City of Edinburgh Council

David has over 30 years local government experience. He has worked for the council and its predecessor for more than 25 years in a number of senior management roles.

He has been a member of the Heads of Planning Scotland (HOPS) Executive Committee for more than 10 years. He has chaired various subcommittees and represented HOPS on government and stakeholder steering and advisory groups. These have included planning modernisation, eDevelopment programmes and legislative change. He was a founder director of Planning Aid for Scotland (now PAS), serving on the board for 15 years and continues to volunteer in its activities. He was honoured to receive an OBE for services to town planning in 2004.

John McNairney
Chief Planner at the Scottish Government

John has practiced as a chartered town planner for over last thirty years and has worked in consultancy, in local and in central government.

He joined central government in 1999, at Devolution, and has since supported a range of policy and modernising initiatives covering information, planning policy and digital. He was appointed Chief Planner in 2012. His team have since delivered Scotland's third National Planning Framework, the review of Scottish Planning Policy, the policy on architecture and place, Creating Places, the collaboration of the Place Standard tool and the continued development of Scotland's Digital Planning programme. He is the lead official on the current review of planning in Scotland where the Planning Bill has recently completed the Committee stages of the parliamentary process.



Lesley McAra
Edinburgh Futures Institute and University of Edinburgh



Lesley McAra is an alumna of the University of Edinburgh and of the Open University. She began her career as a researcher in the Scottish Office where she led a major programme of research evaluating social work criminal justice services. In 1995, she joined the University of Edinburgh as Lecturer in Criminology, was promoted to Senior Lecturer in 2005, and to the Chair of Penology in 2009.

Lesley is a former Dean of the School of Law, the first woman to be appointed to that post. She is currently a member of the Centre for Law and Society and the Global Justice Academy and an Associate Director of the Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research. She was also the founder of the Empirical Legal Research Network, a cross-University initiative aimed at facilitating partnership-working across different disciplines, pooling expertise and functioning as a resource bank for researchers at all levels of career.



Paul Lawrence
Executive Director of Place at The City of Edinburgh Council

Paul started his local government career in arts development in Durham, and moved to Newcastle City Council as Head of Culture, ending up 10 years later as Assistant Chief Executive responsible for city and regional urban policy. He then became Director of Place at Stockport MBC in Greater Manchester, with a specific remit for town centre regeneration, as well as all place based services.

In 2015 Paul moved to the new position of Executive Director of Place at the City of Edinburgh Council, with responsibility for universal services, the sustainable development agenda, and the continuing cultural vitality of the city.

In the North East and North West of England, and in Edinburgh, Paul has played a key role in the development of major regeneration programmes, and in city region partnerships.

Aimee Stimpson
National Lead for Healthy Places, Priorities and Programmes Division, Health Improvement Directorate, Public Health England (PHE)



Amy joined the Public Health 'family' in 2008 and has worked in various public health roles in the NHS, local authority and most recently joined PHE in 2014 where she worked on regional and national public health programmes across the domains of healthcare public health and health improvement. She now leads the national Healthy Places team which has responsibility for health and planning, housing, transport, NSIPs and the environment programmes