

Annual Conference 2024

...creating space for conversation on public finances

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Compered by Clodagh Rice – BBC Business Correspondent

Agenda

9.30 – 10.00 Registration *Breakfast and networking*

10.00 – 10.10 Welcome – Caitriona McCusker, Regional Lead Partner, PwC

10.10 – 10.20 Opening Address – Sir Robert Chote

10.20 – 10.30 Address from the Minister of Finance – Dr Caoimhe Archibald MLA

10.35 – 10.45 Update from Finance Committee Chair – Matthew O’Toole MLA

10.50 – 12.00 **Plenary 1 – Panel discussion – The building blocks for fiscal sustainability.**

We look at the experience of Scotland and Wales in relation to the implementation of their fiscal frameworks, relevant to NI as its fiscal framework is under development. We hear an international perspective on what makes a good fiscal landscape.

Speakers:

Julian Revell – Welsh Treasury, Head of Fiscal Analysis

Dr João Sousa – Fraser of Allander Institute, Deputy Director

Dr Joachim Wehner – LSE, Associate Professor in Public Policy

12.00 – 12.45 **Lunch**

12.50– 14.00 **Plenary 2 – Panel discussion – The time is now!**

With the return of the Executive, tough decisions are needed to improve NI’s public finances and services. We look at how important scrutiny and improved transparency are to get NI’s public finances onto a more sustainable footing.

Speakers:

Dorinnia Carville – NIAO, Comptroller and Auditor General

Kenneth Gibson MSP – Scottish Finance & PA Committee, Convener

Stuart Stevenson – DoF, Treasury Officer of Accounts

14.00 – 14.15 *Wrap-up*