

Dear Mr Arthur

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In the meantime, we would be grateful if you could forward a contact email and telephone number for use by HFS/Conference care on the day if required.

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Kind regards  
[redacted]



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**From:** [redacted] on behalf of Arthur T (Tom), MSP <Tom.Arthur.msp@parliament.scot>  
**Sent:** 08 September 2021 13:06  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Cc:** Minister for Public Finance, Planning & Community Wealth  
**Subject:** RE: HFS virtual conference 2021 - The Challenges of Change: A Changing Planning System

Hi [redacted]

If you send it to the one you have replied to and I will pick this up. Can you copy his ministerial staff into this via [MinisterPFPCW@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterPFPCW@gov.scot) so there is no diary clashes.

Many thanks

[redacted]

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 08 September 2021 12:43  
**To:** Arthur T (Tom), MSP <Tom.Arthur.msp@parliament.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: HFS virtual conference 2021 - The Challenges of Change: A Changing Planning System

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Hi [redacted]

That's perfect. Which email address should the invite be sent to?

Kind regards

[redacted]

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**From:** [redacted] On Behalf Of Arthur T (Tom), MSP  
**Sent:** 08 September 2021 12:31  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: HFS virtual conference 2021 - The Challenges of Change: A Changing Planning System

Hi [redacted]

Tom can do Friday at 11am – will an invite be sent to Tom for this?

Regards

[redacted]

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 08 September 2021 08:59  
**To:** Arthur T (Tom), MSP <[Tom.Arthur.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:Tom.Arthur.msp@parliament.scot)>  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: HFS virtual conference 2021 - The Challenges of Change: A Changing Planning System

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Hi [redacted]

Many thanks for your response. The speaker rehearsals are being managed by our third-party provider, Conference Care who have suggested this Thursday or Friday at 11.00am?

Please be aware that the firewalls for Scottish Government/Parliament caused issues for our other MSP accessing the platform (still ongoing) so this may also be an issue for Tom. We suggest he does not use his government device (laptop) to access the platform and use a personal laptop if he has one available.

Kind regards

[redacted]

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**From:** [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Arthur T (Tom), MSP

**Sent:** 07 September 2021 15:58

**To:** [redacted]

**Subject:** FW: HFS virtual conference 2021 - The Challenges of Change: A Changing Planning System

Good afternoon

I refer to your email to Tom's Ministerial Team regarding the above.

Unfortunately it appears that Tom had not received your previous email to arrange a time for the rehearsal for the conference. Can you let me know when you would like to carry this out and I will check Tom's diary for a suitable time.

Kind regards

[redacted]

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**From:**[redacted]

**Sent:** 07 September 2021 14:05

**To:** Minister for Public Finance, Planning & Community Wealth <[MinisterPFPCW@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterPFPCW@gov.scot)>

**Cc:** [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: HFS virtual conference 2021 - The Challenges of Change: A Changing Planning System

Hi [redacted]

Further to the below, our contacts at Conference Care have been trying to get in contact to arrange a speaker rehearsal for Mr Arthur and in order to familiarise him with the virtual platform.

Can you confirm whether you have received an email to arrange which would have been sent to

[Tom.Arthur.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:Tom.Arthur.msp@parliament.scot) ?

Kind regards

[redacted]

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**From:** [redacted] **On Behalf Of** [MinisterPFPCW@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterPFPCW@gov.scot)

**Sent:** 27 August 2021 11:50

**To:** [redacted]

**Cc:** [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: HFS virtual conference 2021 - The Challenges of Change: A Changing Planning System

Hi [redacted],

I'll follow up and get you a contact number.

However, the email will be [Tom.Arthur.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:Tom.Arthur.msp@parliament.scot).

Thanks

[redacted]

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**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 25 August 2021 11:08

**To:** Minister for Public Finance, Planning & Community Wealth <[MinisterPFPCW@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterPFPCW@gov.scot)>

**Cc:** [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: HFS virtual conference 2021 - The Challenges of Change: A Changing Planning System

Hi [redacted]

Further to the below, would you be able to forward a contact number and email address that we can pass onto our third party provider, Conference Care in order that they can organise a speaker rehearsal/details to familiarise Mr Arthur with the online platform?

My colleague [redacted] will forward a more detailed Speaker Brief shortly. Meantime, please find attached our programme for the event noting Mr Arthur's speaker slot/ Q&A between 9.40-10.00.

Should you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

[redacted]

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**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 10 August 2021 09:51

**To:** [MinisterPFPCW@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterPFPCW@gov.scot)

**Cc:** [redacted]

**Subject:** HFS virtual conference 2021 - The Challenges of Change: A Changing Planning System

FAO: [redacted]

Dear [redacted]

Please find below further detail with regards Mr Arthur's speaking slot at the HFS virtual conference on 15 September.

[redacted] will be back in contact with further information, but please don't hesitate to contact me should you require anything in the meantime.

Kind regards

[redacted]



**HFS VIRTUAL CONFERENCE 2021  
THE CHALLENGES OF CHANGE: A CHANGING PLANNING SYSTEM  
WEDNESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER**

**09.30 – 11.30**

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Tom Arthur MSP  
Minister for Public Finance, Planning & Community Wealth  
Scottish Government

12 July 2021

By email only

Dear Tom

Thank you for taking the time to meet with our Chief Executive Nicola Barclay and myself on Thursday 24 June. We both enjoyed the positive discussion, and it was particularly interesting to begin to learn about community wealth.

We welcome your support for the principal of more engagement between Homes for Scotland (HFS) and officials in your Planning and Architecture Division. I can confirm officials have been in touch with me to begin to arrange this.

We look forward to next steps on the preparation of National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) and to hearing your thoughts on local authority responses regarding housing land requirements.

We are holding our annual conference on Wednesday 15 September (which is Scottish Housing Day). This will examine the challenge of the change that is happening across so many policy areas related to housing delivery.

We are delighted to invite you to deliver the keynote address of our planning session in the morning. This offers a great opportunity for you to connect directly with HFS members in the final approach to the NPF4 consultation and on other work due out between now and then. Timings can be flexed to suit your diary.

The separate offer to address members ahead of this, through a written or verbal message in our weekly update, also still stands. In addition, we would be pleased to facilitate a site visit(s) if this would be of interest. Please let me know if these are items you wish to take up and we will co-ordinate with the relevant officials.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

  
Tammy Swift-Adams  
Director of Planning



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Tammy Swift-Adams  
Director of Planning  
Homes for Scotland

By email: [T.Swift-Adams@homesforscotland.com](mailto:T.Swift-Adams@homesforscotland.com)

Our ref: A34151713

30 July 2021

Dear Tammy,

Thank you for your letter of 12 July following our meeting of 24 June. I too, found the meeting with your Chief Executive, Nicola Barclay, and yourself positive and informative.

Your letter invites me to deliver the keynote address to the planning session of your annual conference on Wednesday 15 September. I would be delighted to accept your invitation subject to Parliamentary business.

Your letter also reiterates your offer to address members through a message in your weekly updates and to facilitate a site visit(s). I would be very happy to provide a written message and would be interested to visit development sites where this is possible within the coronavirus restrictions.

Following our discussion, my officials in Planning have been considering ways to engage with yourselves and your members. As part of this, I believe there would be benefit in convening a meeting between Planning officials, yourselves and a small number of your members in the autumn.

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I would be grateful if you could contact my Assistant Private Secretary, [redacted], via email at [MinisterPFPCW@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterPFPCW@gov.scot) to make the necessary arrangements regarding the conference, timing for the message to your members and potential site visits. Please contact [redacted] at [redacted] regarding the meeting with officials.

Yours sincerely,



**TOM ARTHUR**

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**From:** [redacted] on behalf of Minister for Public Finance, Planning & Community Wealth  
**Sent:** 19 August 2021 11:02  
**To:** [redacted]; Minister for Public Finance, Planning & Community Wealth  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Home for Scotland

Hi [redacted],

Thanks for the below.

We look forward to all these opportunities.

Thanks  
[redacted]

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 19 August 2021 10:55  
**To:** Minister for Public Finance, Planning & Community Wealth <MinisterPFPCW@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Home for Scotland

Hello [redacted]

Thank you very much for sending us the recent letter from Tom Arthur. Homes for Scotland (HFS) really appreciates the time the Minister has already given us and his offer of further engagement.

Picking up on the specific actions and offers in the letter:

- My colleague [redacted] has already contacted you about our conference on 15 September, at which the Minister has agreed to speak
- I have made contact with [redacted] to plan the Autumn meeting which the Minister has proposed
- My colleague [redacted] will follow up with you on the Minister's offer of a written message to HFS members, and on site visits.

Best wishes,

[redacted]

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**From:** [redacted] **On Behalf Of** [MinisterPFPCW@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterPFPCW@gov.scot)

**Sent:** 30 July 2021 13:21

**To:** [redacted]

**Cc:** [MinisterPFPCW@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterPFPCW@gov.scot)

**Subject:** Home for Scotland

Good afternoon,

Please find attached letter from Mr Tom Arthur MSP, Minister for Public Finance, Planning & Community Wealth.

Thanks  
[redacted]