

From: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>
Sent: 29 March 2021 13:03
To: Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: From Mark Blyth at Brown

Hi Gary
Many thanks.
More soon
Mark.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 29, 2021, at 8:01 AM, Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot wrote:

Hi Mark

Thanks for contacting me and apologies for the delay in responding.

Firstly, on your question about Scotland's economy there has been quite a lot done in recent year about strengths, opportunities and limitations. There are numerous books and previous series (Allander Series from about 16 years ago had Porter, Baumol etc. look at Scottish issues and data).

The type of analysis you mention in relation to growth models or decomposing GDP growth in Scotland by different methods has been done previously also. In fact, the Growth Commission work by Andrew Wilson did some of this analysis also so there is previous work available.

On data, we have really good micro data on business, firms and sectors, and although we publish macro national accounts there are limitations in our data – particularly in relation to trade flows within the UK. There is also data on fiscal and tax receipts, north sea oil and natural capital accounts.

I have enclosed a series of links which will be useful for what you are wanting to do but there are more so if you have further questions come back to me.

Scottish National Accounts which can be found here.

<https://www.gov.scot/collections/economy-statistics/>

These provide Whole of Scotland Economic Accounts as well as estimates of Gross National Income for Scotland.

Link to Input-Output Tables

[Supply, Use and Input-Output Tables: 1998-2017 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)

Government Expenditure Revenues Scotland (GERS)

[Government Expenditure and Revenue Scotland \(GERS\) 2019-2020 - gov.scot](https://www.gov.scot/publications/gers-2019-2020/)
(www.gov.scot)

As well as aggregate data we have also recently undertaken bespoke analysis to consider the parts of the economy that could be targeted for export growth and global capital investment. You can find this analysis in these recent strategy documents:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/scotland-a-trading-nation/>
<https://www.gov.scot/publications/investing-purpose-scotlands-global-capital-investment-plan/>

Best Wishes

Gary

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From: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>
Sent: 22 March 2021 18:39
To: Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>
Subject: From Mark Blyth at Brown

Dear Gary

Pardon the interruption, I wonder if you can help me figure something out?

Since David McWilliams made me into the reluctant poster child of Scottish nationalism I've been a bit stumped. I've been trying to write something on the subject but keep struggling to find the positive case that I hoped for. The recent LSE paper (gravity model on border frictions) kind of sharpened my thinking further. Specifically, what IS the Scottish growth model? What does it look like, both from an economic geography point of view (N of firms, sectors, N of worker per firm, what drives exports, etc) and from the point of view of GVA? What bits of the Scottish economy actually grow and which bits can we prioritize with policy to change and strengthen the growth model.

So I want to set a post doc and a TA a task of trying to define Scotland's Actual Growth Model. See attached doc.

Now, not being a country, not having SNA data, not having the standard input output tables (WIOD) and AMECO data for Scotland creates a problem.

In short, has the Scottish Government done either a GDP decomposition analysis and/or a comprehensive survey of Scottish business? If not, anything close? Esp. anything that would

sub for AMECO data for Scotland? https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/economy-finance/saee_autumn_2020.pdf

Any thoughts?

best

Mark

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From: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>
Sent: 01 July 2021 16:56
To: Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Economy <CabSecFE@gov.scot>
Cc: Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>; [redacted]; Economy Covid-19 Hub <BESTCovidHub@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: Advisory Council for Economic Transformation

Right in the middle of the quarter final?

I can do 1-2:30pm your time July 2. If that does. It work we need to find another day.

Best. Mark

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 1, 2021, at 11:48 AM, CabSecFE@gov.scot wrote:

Dear Mr Blyth,

The Scottish Government has committed to producing a 10 Year National Strategy for Economic Transformation. This will help guide the economy as we recover from the pandemic and move towards our ambition of a net zero economy by 2045.

To shape and drive the strategy, we are looking to set up an Advisory Council which will draw on fresh insight and challenge from successful business leaders, entrepreneurs and leading academics. Members will bring their extensive experience and network of contacts to put forward bold ideas on how to transform the Scottish economy.

Ms Forbes would like to **speak to you tomorrow, Friday 2 July, at 17:30 – 18:00**, to formally invite you to be a member of the Advisory Council. Please confirm if this is convenient.

The Advisory Council will have around 20 members who will work over the summer and early Autumn as we aim to publish the strategy in October. In practice, this will involve attending around 3 or 4 virtual meetings over this period.

After the strategy is published, a smaller group of members will be asked to stay on to oversee its implementation to ensure that action is taken forward to transform the Scottish economy.

I would be grateful if you could let me know as soon as possible if you are able to join the Advisory Group.

I have attached some background setting out the remit of the Council. If you have any queries please do get in touch.

Please 'reply to all' to this email to allow us to note your response as quickly as possible.

Regards

[redacted] | Deputy Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy - Kate Forbes MSP

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From: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>

Sent: 09 July 2021 17:46

To: [redacted]

Cc: Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>

Subject: FIRST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION

Hey - it gets my day started early :-)

M

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On Jul 9, 2021, at 12:43, [redacted] wrote:

Hi Mark

Apologies – absolutely noted for future meetings

[redacted]

[redacted]

Interim Deputy Director

Economic Policy and Capability Division

OCEA

[redacted]

From: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>

Sent: 09 July 2021 16:37

To: [redacted]

Subject: Re: FIRST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION

Importance: High

Hi [redacted]

You realize this is 5am my time?

Can we try to make the next one at a slightly better hour please?

best

Mark

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On Jul 9, 2021, at 06:51, [redacted] > wrote:

Good morning

Many thanks to you all for agreeing to join the Council for Economic Transformation.

The first meeting will take place on Thursday 22nd July from 10am-12 noon and will be chaired by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Economy, Kate Forbes.

Papers will be sent in advance.

I would be grateful if you could accept this invitation into your diaries.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you

[redacted]

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From: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>
Sent: 29 July 2021 11:55
To: Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: Can you give me Anton's email?

Thanks

Sounds good. FWIW, my biggest concern at this juncture is overpromising and underdelivering.

- a) We are not a statutory body with powers
- b) We have no borrowing capacity
- c) We are semi sovereign

Now transform in a decade?

M

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On Jul 28, 2021, at 15:36, Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot wrote:

Hi Mark

Certainly - if you use the email below you will get Anton.

principal@glasgow.ac.uk

I will follow up shortly also for a chat as it be good to get your input on the framing and wider work.

Best Wishes

Gary

Dr Gary Gillespie
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Tel: 0131 244 1453

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>
Sent: 28 July 2021 16:47
To: Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>
Subject: Can you give me Anton's email?

Hi Gary

Hope all is good. Can you give me Anton M's email. I want to talk to him about productivity.

best

M

From: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>
Sent: 14 September 2021 13:32
To: Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>
Subject: 21/09/21 - 18:10 Advisory Council Sub-Group Innovation & Productivity (2)

Can we make it 1:10pm on the 21st? I need to leave a meeting and get back to my office.
Thanks

Sen invite if that works

M

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On Sep 14, 2021, at 06:43, <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot> <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot> wrote:

Hi Mark,

I hope you are well

Gary could do 1pm EST on 21st, 22nd & 23rd September.

Please let me know if you require me to look for alternative slots.

I look forward to hearing from you

Kind Regards
[redacted]

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From: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>
Sent: 14 September 2021 03:03
To: Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: Advisory Council Sub-Group Innovation & Productivity (2)

When suits you next week - send some times

ten minute chat

M

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On Sep 13, 2021, at 16:28, Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot wrote:

No bother Mark – next week good for me also and I appreciate the return of students and start of semester term!

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From: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>
Sent: 13 September 2021 21:25
To: Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: Advisory Council Sub-Group Innovation & Productivity (2)

Hi Gary

It's first week of semester here and I literally don't have time to go to the toilet. I have meetings almost every other hour. Mainly pointless ones. But one must attend. Let me suggest some times next week for us to one on one and what I can do. This process works done the locals but is really just a tax for me. More tomorrowish. M

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 13, 2021, at 16:18, Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot wrote:

Thanks Mark

Apologies again on the timing of meetings – that was our fault fully – the person that put these out hadn't realised this issue as the times were prioritised to fit with the person leading the discussion from the advisory council.

Can I suggest we have a word tomorrow – I can do lunchtime onwards your time – say 1 o'clock EST. Be good to discuss how we can you to input more directly or comment or shape work we have. I appreciate it is frustrating and you are keen to input.

The sub-groups are designed for that process and we have members volunteered to lead the discussion and write material for the report. There has been a lot of work done by us but no clear consensus on focus and Kate Forbes is keen we get more input from members. Anyway easier to chat and design a process that works better for you.

Gary

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From: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>
Sent: 13 September 2021 16:57
To: Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: Advisory Council Sub-Group Innovation & Productivity (2)

Hey Gary

OK, this is not working. Last time we spoke I suggested showing us the elephant. Clearly this group is not designing one. You are and we are tweaking. That can happen off line. If you want me to tell you I what I think of the elephant I can do so at a decent hour and asynchronously.

You should take me off the live events. Me at 4am is no use to anyone. Once the groups have done their work send me the product, I will tell you what I think.

That, I think is more use than performing being awake in real time

best

M

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On Sep 13, 2021, at 10:51, Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot wrote:

Mark

Apologies – in the clamour to get dates that work for diaries we forgot about your time zone! Let me see what we can do and if this proves challenging to shift we will do a separate or additional slot also (later in the day) so we can get your input during normal working times!

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 13 September 2021 14:51
To: 'Mark Blyth' <mark_blyth@brown.edu>
Cc: [redacted] Enterprise and Skills PMO <EnterpriseandskillsPMO@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Advisory Council Sub-Group Innovation & Productivity (2)

Mark,

My apologies for the change of time on this- unfortunately we have to schedule these calls to suit the majority which can be very tricky given the diaries we are navigating.

There will be follow-up meetings in the coming week which hopefully are more suitable for your schedule.

Best wishes,

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From: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>

Sent: 13 September 2021 14:44

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted] Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>; [redacted] Enterprise and Skills PMO <EnterpriseandskillsPMO@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Subject: Re: Advisory Council Sub-Group Innovation & Productivity (2)

That's 4am. I will pass. Best figure out some way for me to be useful that does not depend on middle of the night meetings. Best. Mark

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 13, 2021, at 09:38, [redacted] wrote:

** All, change in time & date to Monday 20th 09:00-10:00. Apologies for the last minute change on this- please respond whether you can attend please**

Please respond whether you can or cannot attend this slot as per earlier email.

Best wishes,

[redacted]

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From: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>

Sent: 21 September 2021 14:32

To: Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Economy <CabSecFE@gov.scot>

Cc: Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>; [redacted]; Economy Covid-19 Hub <BESTCovidHub@gov.scot>

Subject: Invitation from Ms Forbes, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Economy - Advisory Council for Economic Transformation

As I said in my last mail, I am talking today with Gary in a few hours to clarify a few things. Once we have had that chat I shall respond

MB

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On Sep 21, 2021, at 09:29, CabSecFE@gov.scot wrote:

Dear Mark,

Thank you for your below email. I am just following up on this to offer a possible timeslot for this call with Ms Forbes.

I would be grateful if you could confirm if the below date/time would be suitable, once you have spoken to Gary.

• **Thursday 30th September, 14:15-14:45 (UK Time BST)**

Kind regards,
[redacted]

Deputy Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Economy – Kate Forbes
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T: 0131 244 7704 | M: **[redacted]** | E: CabSecFE@gov.scot

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From: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>

Sent: 15 September 2021 19:20

To: Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Economy <CabSecFE@gov.scot>

Cc: Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>; **[redacted]**; Economy Covid-19 Hub <BESTCovidHub@gov.scot>

Subject: Re: Invitation from Ms Forbes, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Economy - Advisory Council for Economic Transformation

Happy to chat but want to have a chat with Gary G first. Once I have done that early next week I shall be happy to set up a time.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 14, 2021, at 12:15, CabSecFE@gov.scot wrote:

Dear Mr Blyth,

Ms Forbes, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Economy, would like to express her thanks for your participation thus far in the Advisory Council for Economic Transformation.

The Cabinet Secretary would like to offer an individual meeting with each member to both allow members to raise any specific issue directly and also to get a sense of the collective approach and work to date.

I trust you will welcome this opportunity and if you could confirm by replying to this email, we will endeavour to find a suitable slot.

Regards,

[redacted]

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From: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>

Sent: 05 October 2021 17:52

To: Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>

Subject: Still want to talk Mid Cot? If we we are getting there soon. M

Hi Gary

Thanks for the response.

So I am prepared to say sth useful, give me a pile of IMPORTANT TO THE COMMITTEE'S FINAL REPORT (nothing general or extraneous - I have sod all to say about regional inequality for example) reading that you think I can usefully eyeball, by Friday the 15th. I can then digest over that weekend and flight to Spain.

My mornings are free on the 20th 21st and 22nd. 8am to 11:30am each day.

You pick the time.

How's that sound?

On Hydrogen - give me your person's name when ready and I will hook up with Journo. She is well into it and want to blast it out.

best

M

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On Oct 5, 2021, at 12:40, Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot wrote:

Mark

Yes, let me know what suits you when you are in Madrid. Be good to chat. On the hydrogen opportunity I will come with the policy officials details as they are happy to share information about plan for Aberdeen etc. with your contact. Sorry about the delay in getting back to you on that.

Gary

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From: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>

Sent: 05 October 2021 12:20

To: Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>

Subject: Still want to talk Mid Cot? If we we are getting there soon. M

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From: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>

Sent: 08 October 2021 14:28

To: Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>

Subject: Still want to talk Mid Cot? If we we are getting there soon. M

Hi Gary

This is perfect. Many thanks.

9:30am Scotland/10:30am Madrid. Send zoom invite.

I look forward to reading this and finally being of some use.

M

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On Oct 8, 2021, at 09:20, Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot wrote:

Mark

Thanks for this and I just realised it was next Friday you were looking for material but I will give you what we have just now as it probably won't change much next week as we are in recess and I am out for a few days.

We are not at the stage with a complete report or actions however I have attached the very latest draft – about 50 pages.

This is a draft but the summary at the beginning will give you a sense of emerging priorities and as I said this is work in progress as you will see from some of the comments. Given you missed last council meeting this may help – particularly around the 5 emerging priorities which are at the front of the document.

This draft has not been shared outwith drafting team and Ministers but I wanted to give you something more substantial! The intention is that we will have a more complete version to go to Council members for the meeting at the end of the month.

I have also attached a shorter paper (7 pages) which sets out a proposal for a greater focus on internationalisation from that policy team – proposal for a mission.

In terms of a meeting – 20th October is good for me – 9.30 am which I think will be 10.30 am in Madrid?

If that is ok I can send link for teams or we can do a call if easier.

Best Wishes

Gary

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From: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>
Sent: 03 November 2021 10:59
To: Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>
Subject: [Catch up - Gary/Mark] Proposed new time: This Friday at 08:30

Hi [redacted].

I mean an hour earlier. 8:30am or even 8:15am est. which by is 1:30 or 1:15pm your time. Possible? If not let's aim for next week.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 3, 2021, at 06:16, Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot wrote:

Hi Mark,

Can I just confirm you mean 12:30GMT and 09:30EDT on Friday 5th November?

Kind Regards

[redacted]

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From: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>

Sent: 02 November 2021 17:03

To: Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>

Subject: [Catch up - Gary/Mark] Proposed new time: This Friday at 08:30

Sorry. I must of got my time zones wrong.

One hour earlier - ok?

M

I would like to move this event from this Friday at 09:30 to this Friday at 08:30.

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From: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>

Sent: 04 November 2021 17:56

To: Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>

Subject: Catch up - Gary/Mark

Cool. On all this tonight.

M

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On Nov 4, 2021, at 13:54, <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot> <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot> wrote:

Mark

Attached slides reflect latest drafting from today. We are updating framing to reset vision, objectives, policy programmes and actions etc. given feedback from last Council meeting.

Gary

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From: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>
Sent: 04 November 2021 17:45
To: Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: Catch up - Gary/Mark

thanks

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On Nov 4, 2021, at 08:29, Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot wrote:

I will send you some slides which capture update thinking.

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From: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>
Sent: 04 November 2021 12:26
To: Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: Catch up - Gary/Mark

Also, no new docs?

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On Nov 4, 2021, at 07:23, Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot wrote:

Hi Mark,

Hope this suits you better, 12:30GMT and 08:30EDT
From: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>
Sent: 10 December 2021 16:13
To: Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>
Subject: National Strategy for Economic Transformation Update

Again, if I can help with this just holler

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From: <EnterpriseandskillsPMO@gov.scot>
Subject: National Strategy for Economic Transformation Update
Date: December 10, 2021 at 11:12:00 EST
To: [redacted] <macphersonn@parliament.uk>, <principal@glasgow.ac.uk>, [redacted] <Graeme.Roy@glasgow.ac.uk>, [redacted] <mark_blyth@brown.edu>, <m.mazzucato@ucl.ac.uk>, <john.alexander@dundeecity.gov.uk>
Cc: [redacted], <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>

Dear Advisory Group members,

I thought it would be helpful to provide a short update on the latest position on the National Strategy for Economic Transformation (NSET).

Since we last met at the end of October, a substantial amount of work has been undertaken to refine the strategy, taking on board Council feedback and focussing on the key actions and the delivery landscape, which many of you have contributed to via that sub-group.

Ms Forbes was clear also that it was important we took the time necessary to get this right and we are near complete in terms of that internal work and we will be in a position shortly to share an updated draft with Council members.

In terms of timing for publication, we are looking at the new year. The Omicron variant may also impact timing depending on how this develops. However, we are keen to finalise this part of the process and I will come out shortly with an updated draft.

Best Wishes

Gary

*Dr Gary Gillespie
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Tel: 0131 244 1453*



From: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>
Sent: 14 December 2021 01:17
To: Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>
Subject: Just reaching out to see if I can be of any use...

Sounds good. When you can and when I'm useful.

M

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On Dec 13, 2021, at 16:08, <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot> <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot> wrote:

Hi Mark

Apologies for the delay in coming back and I hope you are doing ok. We are getting there with the strategy and I will send draft hopefully this week. Budget is done now which is good but are we are also dealing with Omicron and handling of that.

Gary

*Dr Gary Gillespie
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From: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>
Sent: 07 December 2021 18:47
To: Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>
Subject: Just reaching out to see if I can be of any use...

Hi Gary

Semester is ending so time is freeing up. Any blockage I can unlock for you or similar? Let me know.

best

M

Mark Blyth
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From: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>
Sent: 05 January 2022 16:33
To: Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>
Subject: Happy New Year and Stuff

Hi Gary

Hope the new year is treating you well. I read the draft report. Its got a lot of good stuff in it. And a few bits of fluff that critics will seize on. Will send full comments tomorrow FWIW.

All the best

M

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From: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>
Sent: 06 January 2022 18:48
To: Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>
Subject: Comments on draft report from Blyth - please share.

All the best

mark

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Comments on Dec 23 2021 Draft of the NSET
Mark Blyth

[redacted]
OK, that's all I got. Hope this helps.

Mark

From: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>
Sent: 14 February 2022 16:04
To: Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>
Subject: Checking in

Hi Gary

[redacted]

How about doing a two for one. Give me a week to clear the decks and read the final report and then we can talk that (since nothing much will change) and next steps.

glad to help as ever

M

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On Feb 14, 2022, at 10:44, Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot wrote:

Hi Mark

Apologies for all the hassle trying to arrange this. **[redacted]**

On the economic strategy, a draft was shared on Friday and there is a couple of slots later in the week to update Members which you receive an invite for. Be good to get a separate slot also to catch up as it has been a while and we are starting to plan for independence related work.

Gary

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From: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>
Sent: 08 February 2022 14:47
To: Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: Checking in

Dear **[redacted]**

I'm really sorry to hear that. Poor man. I shall await his return and reply in due course.

No worries

M

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On Feb 8, 2022, at 07:46, <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot> <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot> wrote:

Hi Mark
[redacted]

Meantime please let me know if there is there anything the Team can help with.

Kind Regards

[redacted]

[redacted] | PA to Gary Gillespie | 4 West Rear | St Andrews House |
2 Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG | Tel: 0131 244 5395
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From: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>

Sent: 07 February 2022 15:48

To: Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>

Subject: Checking in

Hi Gary

Did this get buried or did I just get left off the list? (I've been sensing a wee bit of persona non grata from some folks recently....ah well...)

best

M

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From: [redacted]

Sent: 19 July 2021 10:21

To: mark_blyth@brown.edu

Cc: Economy Covid-19 Hub <BESTCovidHub@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Advisory Council for Economic Transformation - 1st meeting - agenda and papers

Hi Mark,

Many thanks for your email.

I'm not quite sure why the embedded documents in the agenda appear as icons as I'm able to open them up. Anyway, just to confirm that they are the same documents that were attached separately in the email.

We appreciate there's a lot of material in the background paper and there's no expectation for Council members to click through and read all the material. Instead, it's meant to be a reference document which members can have to hand throughout the work of the Council. However if you were to press me on what's of greatest importance and worth a quick skim, I'd suggest (in order of priority):

- National Performance Framework [overarching vision, purpose, values and outcomes we're working towards]
- Plan for Implementing the Advisory Group on Economic Recovery [as this gives an overview of the range of actions, many of which are separately referenced in the paper]
- Vision for Trade & Inward Investment Plan [some of these principles and values are likely to be used to guide the economic strategy]
- National Mission for Jobs [captures the huge range of labour market action underway to mitigate the impact of COVID]
- Climate Change Plan & Just Transition report
- Infrastructure Investment Plan
- Scottish Technology Ecosystem Review (Logan Review)

Your point regarding the timing of the meeting has been noted! Apologies, we'll look to schedule future meetings in the afternoon.

Let me know if you've any queries on this and thanks again for your email.

Regards

[Redacted]

[redacted]

Interim Head of Enterprise & Skills Analytical Unit and Secretariat
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I am currently working from home and can be reached on 07760990932.

From: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>

Sent: 16 July 2021 19:22

To: Economy Covid-19 Hub <BESTCovidHub@gov.scot>

Subject: Re: Advisory Council for Economic Transformation - 1st meeting - agenda and papers

Hi **[redacted]**

Thanks for this. Just so I'm not being an idiot, can I clarify something?

Attached was an agenda and a pdf called "background paper on policy landscape2.pdf" - ten pages - dozens of links to stand alone reports. Got it.

Also attached was an agenda. One page .doc. That agenda contains two pdf icons/gifs, not papers.

As far as I can see there is nothing to link to download from that Word doc. The icons are dead.

Please advise.

Also, the links in the other doc - there's a lot. Perhaps you might suggest the ten most relevant for a background scan before we meet?

Finally, it will be 5am when I log on. So you will forgive me for not being ten mins early.

All the best

mark

For example
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On Jul 16, 2021, at 12:38, BESTCovidHub@gov.scot wrote:

Dear all,

Thank you for agreeing to join the Advisory Council for Economic Transformation.

I enclose the papers for the Council's first meeting on Thursday 22nd July 10am to 12 noon. For ease on the day, these papers have also been embedded within the agenda. We will issue an additional paper early next week covering Ms Forbes and Mr McKee's presentation.

We intend holding small breakout sessions during the meeting to enable more time for members to participate in the discussion. Further details of these will also be issued next week.

As this will be a virtual meeting, we ask that members join 5 minutes early so we can start promptly at 10am.

If you have any queries on this then please don't hesitate to contact us. You can either drop an email to our Economy Hub mailbox or contact me directly.

Regards

[redacted]

Agenda

Remit of the Council

Background paper: Current policy landscape

[redacted]

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I am currently working from home and can be reached on [redacted].

<Advisory Council for Economic Transformation - 1st meeting - remit.pdf><Advisory Council for Economic Transformation - 1st meeting - Background paper on current policy landscape2.pdf><Advisory Council for Economic Transformation - 1st meeting - agenda.docx>

From: [redacted]

Sent: 10 September 2021 14:14

To: 'Mark Blyth' <mark_blyth@brown.edu>

Subject: RE: Sub- Group Meetings

Hi Mark,

That's no problem – Thank you.

Best wishes,

[redacted]

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From: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>
Sent: 10 September 2021 14:12
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Sub- Group Meetings

Hi [redacted]

The only one I can do is Innovation and productivity. Rest of schedule is booked. Please add me to that invite and resend.

M

Mark Blyth
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On Sep 10, 2021, at 09:03, [redacted] wrote:

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for volunteering to participate in the Economic Strategy sub-group/s.

Below in red is the date and time the first sub-group meetings are due to take place (next week) – I'd be grateful if you can confirm attendance as soon as possible by responding to the calendar invite I have issued.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact myself or [redacted] by emailing EnterpriseandskillsPMO@gov.scot

[redacted]

Best wishes,

[redacted]

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From [redacted]

Sent: 10 September 2021 07:18

To: 'Mark Blyth' <mark_blyth@brown.edu>

Cc: Enterprise and Skills PMO <EnterpriseandskillsPMO@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: SG Advisory Group for Economic Transformation - sub-groups and dashboard

Hi Mark,

Sorry for the confusion on this. We haven't formally assigned anyone to a sub-group unless they have asked for a specific group in response to the email below.

Happy to put you down for entrepreneurship if you wish?

Best wishes,

[redacted]

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From: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>

Sent: 09 September 2021 18:21

To: **[redacted]**

Subject: Re: SG Advisory Group for Economic Transformation - sub-groups and dashboard

Hi **[redacted]**

I thought you assigned people to subgroups. I saw Chris VDK and me in the first on on entrepreneurship. No?

M

Mark Blyth

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On Sep 9, 2021, at 05:46, [redacted] wrote:

Good Morning,

Many thanks to those who have responded to the below request already.

It would be most helpful to have responses from members on the sub-group/s they would like to participate in by Friday 10th of September please.

Please send responses to EnterpriseandskillsPMO@gov.scot

Best wishes,

[redacted]

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From: > On Behalf Of BESTCovidHub@gov.scot

Sent: 03 September 2021 17:10

To: BESTCovidHub@gov.scot

Subject: SG Advisory Group for Economic Transformation - sub-groups and dashboard

Dear all,

At our last Council meeting we mentioned that we will set up sub-groups to help drive forward the work and provide members with greater opportunity to help shape the actions necessary to transform the Scottish economy.

Based on the key themes which have emerged from our discussions so far, we propose setting up the following sub-groups:

1. entrepreneurship (how to make Scotland the most successful place to start and grow a business)
2. innovation and productivity (how to facilitate greater innovation which leads to greater productivity)
3. human capital (how to ensure every citizen can access secure, fair and meaningful work with the right skills and support)
4. regional equality (how to unlock economic potential in every part of Scotland through focus on local economies)

These sub-groups will be led by Council members and supported by SG officials who will provide background material and capture the discussions in a short report which will be shared with the full Council and fed into the strategy. I will be in touch shortly with potential leads for each sub-group.

Members will be able to participate in more than one sub-group and we will set these up as 1 hour meetings which will hopefully make it easier for members to attend. At this stage it would be helpful if you let us know which group/s you would like to participate in (please send replies to). We will then set up convenient times for the sub-groups to meet.

Finally, I know there has been some interest by Members in understanding the potential for hydrogen in Scotland as part of energy transition and I will also organise a similar slot to have a briefing from the energy team in terms of current plans and potential options for energy transition. Our team would lead this briefing session.

For info, I attach the latest dashboard which summarises our recent activity.

Thanks again for your ongoing help with this work.

Regards

Gary

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From: [redacted] On Behalf Of Enterprise and Skills PMO
Sent: 09 August 2021 14:06
To: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>; Enterprise and Skills PMO
EnterpriseandSkillsPMO@gov.scot
Subject: RE: 4th Meeting - Advisory Council for Economic Transformation- To be Confirmed

Oh lovely! That's no problem.

Best wishes,

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From: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>
Sent: 09 August 2021 13:59
To: Enterprise and Skills PMO <EnterpriseandSkillsPMO@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: 4th Meeting - Advisory Council for Economic Transformation- To be Confirmed

This one has to be a maybe. I will be on Martha's vineyard (Island) and the internet is pretty spotty.

M

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On Aug 9, 2021, at 06:25, <EnterpriseandskillsPMO@gov.scot> <EnterpriseandskillsPMO@gov.scot>
wrote:

Hello,

Please hold this slot for the 4th meeting of the Advisory Council for Economic Transformation.

I'd be grateful if you confirm whether you can or cannot attend – details will be finalised based on availability of members.

Best wishes,

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]

Sent: 02 August 2021 09:42

To: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>

Cc: Enterprise and Skills PMO <EnterpriseandskillsPMO@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Advisory Council for Economic Transformation- August & September Dates

Hi Mark,

That's no problem – I will put you down tentatively for the September meeting.

Best wishes,

[redacted]

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From: Mark Blyth <mark_blyth@brown.edu>

Sent: 30 July 2021 16:14

To: [redacted]

Cc: Enterprise and Skills PMO <EnterpriseandskillsPMO@gov.scot>

Subject: Re: Advisory Council for Economic Transformation- August & September Dates

I can do both - the second one reluctantly because its 5am-7am my time.

But possible

M

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On Jul 30, 2021, at 11:07 [redacted] wrote:

Good Afternoon,

We are looking to hold the second and third meeting of the advisory council on the following dates:

Thursday 26 August 15:45 – 17:45

Wednesday 22 September 10:00 – 12:00

I'd be grateful if you could let us know by email if you are available to attend these slots.

Best wishes,

[redacted]

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