18TH NATIONAL ECONOMIC FORUM - PROGRAMME

CHANGING SCOTLAND: GROWING SCOTLAND’S ECONOMY

National Economic Forum – 12 May 2017 - Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness

10:15 – 11:00 Registration open from 10:15 AM

11:00 – 11:05 Mr Wheelhouse MSP, Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy welcomes delegates and introduces the First Minister

11:05 – 11:20 First Minister Opening Address

11:20 – 11:35 Business keynote address – Mark Gregory, Chief Economist EY

11:35 -12:15 Q&A Panel with First Minister and Mark Gregory, facilitated by Mr Wheelhouse

12:15 – 13:00 Networking Lunch

13:00 - 14:20 Discussion groups – led by Minister / business leader

- Transitioning to a Low Carbon Economy
- The Future of Energy in Scotland
- Enterprise and Skills review: A Strategic Plan to Deliver Inclusive Growth and Greater Productivity
- The Implications of the UK Vote to Leave the EU for Scotland’s Economic Prosperity and Future Trade

14:20- 14:30 Mr Brown MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work, keynote speech

14:30 – 15:00 Ministerial Panel facilitated by Mr Wheelhouse

- Cabinet Secretary for Economy Jobs and Fair Work, Keith Brown MSP
- Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity, Fergus Ewing MSP
- Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform, Roseanna Cunningham MSP
- Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland’s Place in Europe, Michael Russell MSP

15:00 Close