

NEW DEAL FOR BUSINESS GROUP - SUBGROUPS

Subgroup Background

There are 5 subgroups that sit under the New Deal for Business Group. Each subgroup will be led by one or two Group members who will bring in other members and representatives from the wider business community, as agreed, to provide advice and experience. However, the Non-Domestic Rates sub-group will be chaired by the Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance.

Sub-Groups

Regulatory Review Sub-Group

This is the existing Joint Regulatory Taskforce which is chaired by Mr Lochhead and Councillor Macgregor

New Deal for Business Group Lead - Colin Borland, FSB

Scottish Government Lead – JohnPaul Liddle, Deputy Director for Business Support Policy and Governance

This subgroup aim is to agree processes in place to improve regulation, including proper assessment of the cumulative impact of regulation on business; a revised and improved approach to Business Regulatory Impact Assessments; to be taken forward by the relaunched Regulatory Review Group with clear scope and membership though the Joint Regulatory Taskforce.

Business Partnership Sub-Group

New Deal for Business Group Lead - Iain Baxter, SFD

Scottish Government Lead – Lisa McDonald, Deputy Director, Strategic Economic and Business Engagement Division

A shared agreement and commitment on how SG will not just communicate, but also work in partnership with business on policy development from the earliest stages to ensure that the cumulative impact of policy on businesses is fully understood and that policy implementation is effective and proportionate.

Non-Domestic Rates Sub-Group

Chaired by the Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance

New Deal for Business Group Lead - Liz Cameron, SCC

Scottish Government Lead – Ellen Leaver, Deputy Director, Local Government and Analytical Services Division

This subgroup will be a consultative sub-group, chaired by the Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance, to advise on further enhancements to the operation and administration of the Non-Domestic Rates system following the final implementation of the independent Barclay Review of NDR on 1 April 2023. It will also be important to ensure that public sector experts including those who collect and administer non-domestic rates - local authorities – are invited to attend this subgroup's meeting as well given the local, and technical, nature of NDR.

Wellbeing Economy Sub-Group

New Deal for Business Group Lead - Louisa Macdonell, BITC, Nathalie Agnew Muckle Media, BITC and Sara Thiam, SCDI

Scottish Government lead – Lisa McDonald, Strategic Economic and Business Engagement Division

The subgroup will develop a shared appreciation and articulation of how business contributes to a Wellbeing Economy and SG Missions and agreement on key areas where we will actively work together in partnership with business to maximise this. Examples here could include maximising and promoting Investment (a Wellbeing Economy Indicator); improving the health of our workforce; Skills; Circular Economy; and Supporting Parents into Work.

Sharing Key Metrics Sub-Group

New Deal for Business Group Lead- Sandy Begbie, SFE

Scottish Government Lead – Strategic Economic and Business Engagement Division & Kathy Johnston OCEA

The subgroup is to propose an agreement on collating and sharing key metrics and real-time evidence across different sectors. Identify Sectors 3 to 5 year strategies in order to drive and shape the data and metrics. Ensure that SG works alongside Enterprise Agencies, Skills Development Scotland, Local Government and business to deliver emerging domestic and international opportunities including clarity on sector strategies. This will allow the Scottish Government to flex policy in response to changes in the business climate, but also ensure that SG, Local Government, Enterprise Agencies, Skills Development Scotland and business are aware of emerging domestic and international opportunities. Many of your organisations will have your own data and sectoral intel so this is about bringing a bit of a framework for ensuring the information is shared with government in a timely fashion.