

## **Cross Party Group on Towns and Town Centres**

18:00 – 19:30, Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016  
Committee Room 5, Scottish Parliament

### **Agenda**

#### ***'Towns Mean Business'***

- 17:45 Meet in Parliament reception area
- 18:00 Refreshments
- 18:10 Welcome and Opening Remarks – John Scott MSP, Convener
- 18:15 Minutes of Previous Meeting of the Cross Party Group & Matters Arising – John Scott MSP, Convener

#### Towns Mean Business

- 18:20 How are Town Centre Businesses Doing? - Laura McKelvie, Policy and Public Affairs Assistant, FSB Scotland
- 18:30 The Ideal Retail Mix - Keith Hargest, Hargest Planning Ltd
- 18:40 The Role of Big Retail - Polly Jones, Senior Manager, Corporate Affairs, Scotland, ASDA (to be confirmed)
- 18:50 Shopping Centres: Working Together with Communities and Town Centres - George Reader, Centre Manager, Ayr Central Shopping Centre/CBRE Management (to be confirmed)
- 19:00 Discussion

#### Town Centre Action Plan Update

- 19:15 Scotland's Towns Partnership update, reported by Phil Prentice, Chief Officer, Scotland's Towns Partnership
- 19:25 Any Other Competent Business
- 19:30 Close of Meeting