



# Annual Conference

Monday 18 September 2023

Creating space for conversations  
on public finances

09.15 – 09.45	Registration Breakfast and networking
09.50 – 10.00	Welcome – Aine O’Hare PWC, Partner
10.00 – 10.20	Opening Address – Sir Robert Chote
10.20 – 10.40	Update from Neil Gibson, Department of Finance Permanent Secretary
10.40 – 11.40	Plenary 1 – Panel discussion - Is the NI Financial Package Enough?  Speakers: David Phillips Professor Iain McLean Professor Gerry Holtham
11.40 – 11.55	Break
12.00 - 13.00	Plenary 2 – Panel discussion - Is NI Funding well spent?  Speakers: Jill Rutter Dorinnia Carville Scherie Nicol
13.00 – 13.45	Lunch
14.00 - 15.00	Plenary 3 – Panel discussion - How important is revenue raising in making public finances and public services more sustainable?  Speakers: Professor Cathy Gormley-Heenan Dr Andrew McCormick Professor Graeme Roy
15.00 – 16.00	Plenary 4 – Panel discussion - Does Public Spending in NI Support Economic Growth?  Speakers: Ann Watt Dr Frances Ruane Alan Bridle
16.00 - 16.30	Wrap up - NIFC Council Members