Draft programme for consultation event
27th August,
Scottish Parliament

10.00 – 10.30 Registration and coffee

10.30 – 11.30 Roundtable on the state of, and prospects for, credit unions in Scotland and elsewhere
Chair: Robbie Mochrie (Heriot-Watt University)
John Forker (University of Sussex)
Paul Jones (Liverpool John Moores University)
Sharon Collard (Open University)
Carl Packman (Independent Researcher)

11.30 – 12.30 Current developments in credit unions
Chair: Eddie Percy (Glasgow City Council)
Niall Alexander (Consultant)
Mick McAteer (Financial Inclusion Centre)
Theo Shaw (Church's Credit Champions Network)

12.30 – 1.30 Lunch

1.30 – 3.00 Consultation discussions
- Social lending – use of credit unions to extend credit to financially excluded groups, in partnership with local authorities, churches and RSLs
Chair: Alasdair Rutherford (University of Stirling)
Lead: Niall Alexander (Consultant)

- Employer engagement – use of credit unions to improve access to savings and loans products, and encourage financial self-efficacy through employer sponsorships
Chair: Kathy Waite (Heriot-Watt University)
Lead: Lindsay Melvin (Chartered Institute of Payroll Professionals)

- Capacity building – use of partnerships with third sector organisations and others to increase human capital, improve governance, and raise long-term finance
Chair and lead: Robbie Mochrie (Heriot-Watt University)

3.00 – 3.15 Coffee break

3.20 – 4.00 Reports from consultation discussions (*with emphasis on conclusions useful for policy development*)
Chair: Robbie Mochrie