

For the benefit of people across Scotland, COSLA expects a UK government, working with their devolved governments, to respect the democratic mandate of Councillors and put the **LOCAL** back into Local Government by:

**Supporting delivery of a Sustainable Economy
in all parts of Scotland**

● **Why and what this will mean for our communities:**

Scotland faces many challenges. These include demography, geography, connectivity and the globalisation of economies. Without a strong economy there will be insufficient revenues to provide the required health, social care and other essential services that Scotland's communities and people rely on to live well locally.

- **Scotland's Councils are key to helping deliver a sustainable economy**, however, a holistic approach is needed that recognises the way in which infrastructure, education and skills, policy, investment and funding all interact to create an environment where a strong economy is possible and one in which businesses can grow sustainably creating opportunities for all. That also needs to recognise the increasingly urgent need to address the climate challenges we all face and that many without a just transition will not be equipped to cope with.

- **These are huge issues which require the three spheres of Government, UK, Scotland and Local, to work together to meet these challenges head on, to create the conditions for businesses and local communities to survive and thrive, to generate high value employment and to realise the physical and mental health benefits that meaningful work entails.**
- **The economy is too important for political differences to get in the way** and every effort is needed to ensure that we grasp the opportunities available to support a just transition to a Sustainable Economy to the benefit all the citizens of Scotland wherever they are. By working with Local Government we can put our communities at the heart of change and that will provide opportunity for all through a vibrant national and local economy.



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