



Local Government is at the heart of ensuring everyone can live well locally

The 2022-23 Scottish Budget has the potential to enable a strong and fast recovery, transform the economy and improve population health

£ Real investment in Local Government must feature in the 2022-23 Scottish Budget to realise our shared ambition, to live well locally

£ The Budget must provide **fair funding and flexibility** so Local Government can lead local action on recovery

£ The Budget must recognise Local Government's unique role in economic transformation, to enable meaningful reinvestment in the services that underpin the economy

£ To enable a stronger recovery, the Budget must clearly demonstrate a **commitment to the "whole system" of population health**, and the vital preventative and early intervention services Councils provide

£ Local Government needs **real terms increase to general revenue grant**, and transparency and certainty about the settlement from year to year, as well as:

£ **No cap on Council Tax** with long-lost discretion restored

£ Progress on **local taxation and revenue raising** during 2022-23

£ Recognition that **reserves can only be used once** – they are not a substitute for recurring funding

£ Scottish Government should **reconsider its 5 Year Capital Spending Plan** and recognise the benefits of council capital plans to COVID recovery

£ **Investment in infrastructure alongside investment in services** needs to be at the forefront of the Scottish Budget – both revenue and capital – allowing Local Government to create opportunities and share prosperity across communities

£ **Revenue Funding** to thrive in 2022/23, Local Government needs a settlement of at least **£12,500m**

£ **Capital Funding** to thrive, Local Government needs a settlement of at least **£1,000m**

Fair Funding will allow us to support everyone to

