

### **The Promise Progress Update**

#### **Summary and Recommendations**

At the August meeting of the Children and Young People Board officers were asked to provide an update on COSLA's work to Keep the Promise. Attached at Appendix A is the progress and work underway against [Plan 21 – 24](#).

This paper invites Board Members to:

- i. Note and provide comment on COSLA's work to date to keep The Promise outlined at **Appendix A**
- ii. Provide comment on local progress, opportunities or challenges in work to keep The Promise

#### **References**

Previous reports on The Promise:

- 21-08-20 Presentation on The Promise
- 21-02-19 Presentation on The Promise
- 20-10-02 Presentation on The Promise
- 20-08-21 Item 04 The Promise

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## The Promise

### **Purpose**

1. Following Fiona Duncan's presentation at the August meeting of the Children and Young People Board officers were asked to provide an update on COSLA's work to date to Keep The Promise. This paper and Appendix A provide an outline of work against [Change Programme ONE](#).
2. Change Programme ONE was published by The Promise Scotland in June and identifies what and how Scotland is doing to Keep The Promise and what it plans to do over the coming year; it has identified the gaps that must be filled for work to continue at pace.

### **Current COSLA Position**

3. COSLA's Children and Young People Board and Leaders have committed to Keeping Scotland's Promise that children will grow up love, safe and respected. Responsibility for Keeping the Promise sits across COSLA's policy teams and Boards and work is on-going to ensure policy coherence across the organisation.
4. Following agreement at Leaders in July a working group has been established of local authority Promise leads. The group will meet for the first time in October to consider the implication of a National Care Service on Keeping the Promise by 2030.
5. COSLA have also established key partnerships which meet on a regular basis to ensure policy development and progress is cohesive and collaborative. There are with, but not limited to, The Promise Scotland, Scottish Government, Scotland Excel, the Improvement Service and professional associations.

### **What is changing?**

6. Work on The Promise continues at pace. Outlined at Appendix A is the progress COSLA are making against each of the actions outlined in Plan 21 – 24 and Change Programme ONE where COSLA are identified as a lead organisation.

### **Proposed COSLA Position**

7. COSLA officers will continue to lead and provide support to the multiple policy areas outlined within The Promise and Plan 21 – 24. To ensure a collaborative approach to this across the organisation The Promise Scotland will deliver presentations to each of COSLA's policy boards and an internal staff development session in November.

### **Next Steps**

8. COSLA officers and The Promise Scotland will continue to update and engage the Children and Young People Board and Leaders as work progresses.