

Local Government Programme Board – The Promise

Overview

COSLA published the Local Government [annual report](#) on The Promise in April 2022, setting out the activity underway across Scotland in all areas of Council's responsibility and activity focussed on fulfilling our collective commitment to The Promise. The report showcased the extensive work and activity underway across all Local Authorities, underlining the leadership commitment and work underway across Scotland to fulfil our ambitions and commitment to the Promise.

In March 2022 Leaders agreed to the establishment of a Local Government Programme Board to oversee and accelerate our collective work to fulfil our commitments to the Promise.

Remit

The Programme Board will monitor and drive the delivery and implementation of the actions required of local government to Keep The Promise.

The Board's purpose will be to:

- maintain cohesion and collaboration across the range of Promise related programmes and policies
- be aware of performance and positions across local authorities
- provide support and assistance in thematic areas of policy and practice to aid our work to Keep The Promise
- promote the efforts and commitment of Local Government to Keep The Promise
- plan and prepare future work, including political engagement
- Provide advice on proposed positions for COSLA's Children and Young People Board, COSLA's Spokespeople and COSLA Leaders
- be a mechanism to prepare for all Promise related meetings (Children and Families Collective Leadership Group / Family Support Advisory Group / Children's Services Planning Partnership Strategic Leads /The Promise Collective, and others as required throughout the lifetime of the Board
- develop strategic relationships with The Promise Scotland, its Board of Directors and The Promise Scotland Oversight Board to represent and share the interests of Local Government
- identify and share practice around the use of existing and additional resources to develop and deliver Promise related policies or activities

Membership

The Programme Board brings together key partners across local government:

Membership of the group is as follows

- Solace
- COSLA
- Chief Social Work Officer
- Association of Director of Education in Scotland (ADES)
- Director of Finance
- Chief Finance Officer
- HSCP Chief Officer
- Head of Human Resources

- Association of Local Authority Housing Officers (ALACHO)
- Scottish Local Authorities Economic Development (SLAED)
- Scotland Excel
- Improvement Service

Membership may expand or change throughout the lifetime of the Board, dependant on priorities.

Frequency of meetings

The initial meeting will be 9th August 2022 and thereafter every 6 weeks, to be planned in advance.

Chair and Secretariat

Chair of the group will be Jim Savege, Chief Executive of Aberdeenshire Council representing Solace. The secretariat function will be provided by COSLA who will capture agreed actions and follow up to progress these between meetings through an action log.