

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:

- Providing **Fair Funding** for essential Local Services and infrastructure, by setting multiyear budgets that enable long term planning and fair pay for our workforce
- **Greater Devolution** of decision-making powers to Local Government to address community priorities and enable meaningful place-based public service reform
- Fully supporting local democracy through the enactment of the **European Charter of Local Self-government**
- Supporting a just transition to a **Sustainable Economy** in all parts of Scotland
- Protecting the **Human Rights** of all those seeking sanctuary in the UK and addressing the risks migrants face of exclusion and destitution
- Having **Early Proactive Engagement** with Local Government for national budget and policy development
- **Working Collectively** across the spheres of government to accelerate work to tackle the causes and effects of poverty, particularly the impact on children

On behalf of our communities this will enable Scotland's 32 Councils to help **tackle poverty**, create a **just transition to net zero** and deliver **sustainable person-centred public services**

to the reforms that are required locally,
so **unlock our potential**

