

Community Wellbeing Board Update & Workplan

Summary and Recommendations

This continues the normal format of an update report containing material staff supporting the Board wish to bring to your attention, but not requiring political decisions. It includes an update to the workplan showing where we have been and what the next period is aiming to achieve.

This paper invites members of the Community Well-Being Board to:

- i. Note and comment on the contents of the three documents, given the relevance they have to the ongoing and potential future work of the Board.

References

Previous immediate reports:

- CWB Board item 2.1 Community Wellbeing Board Plan September 2021
- CWB Board item 2.1 Community Wellbeing Board Plan June 2021
- CWB Board item 2.1 Community Wellbeing Board Plan May 2021

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Purpose

1. The Community Wellbeing Board covers a wide range of policy areas, as one of COSLA's four policy Boards. It is supported through the work of the Communities, Migration, Population & Diversity and Trading Standards Scotland Teams. This paper provides an update from the teams for information and comment when no immediate political decisions are required. However, the material included will often be of relevance to previous positions that have been adopted or be about developments that might require future discussion and decisions. Also annexed is the workplan table for the Board and the teams that report to it as well as an initial summary of the Election Campaign Manifestos of the parliamentary parties.

Background

2. The Community Wellbeing Board workplan covers the following key areas of work:
 - Community and Criminal Justice
 - Community Empowerment and Engagement
 - Community Safety and Resilience
 - Consumer Protection
 - Employability
 - Equalities and Human Rights
 - Housing & Homelessness
 - Migration and Refugee Issues
 - Poverty
 - Social Security and Welfare Reform
 - Sports, Culture and Leisure
3. The annexed **update report** covers the following headings:
 - Appropriate Adults
 - Winter Pressures (Flexible Funding) for Councils
 - Affordable Housing Supply Programme
 - Housing issues
 - No Recourse to Public Funds – homelessness and rough sleeping
 - Short Term Lets
 - Prevention Review Group – consultation
 - Rented Sector Strategy - consultation
 - National Community Justice Strategy (Refresh)
 - Bail and Release Consultation
 - New Fire Framework for Scotland
 - Gambling Harm and Compliance
 - Delivering Equally Safe (DES) Funding
 - COSLA 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence Campaign 2021
 - Workforce Development: Gender Competence and Confidence in Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls
 - Scottish Government and COSLA Roundtable on Restorative Justice in the context of Domestic Abuse and other forms of Gender Based Violence
 - Developing a Support Model for Women engaged in CSE including Prostitution
 - Participatory Budgeting 2020/21 Progress Report
 - Child Disability Payment (CDP) National Rollout
 - Elected Member Safety
 - Hong Kong BN(O) Visa Route
 - Accommodation for destitute asylum seekers

If there are further additions to be made COSLA staff will provide an oral comment. The updates are for comment and noting.

4. The **Board Workplan Table** provides a concise update against the various strands of work being pursued by COSLA staff. There are still some aspects of COVID-19 work that is impacting on member authorities and COSLA teams which may affect some of the work being planned for.

Next Steps

5. None of the issues highlighted in the annexes in of themselves at this time are thought likely to need positions to be established by Members or actions to be pursued by member councils. However, comments would be welcome and may help influence the development of positions in the longer term.

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