

COSLA Mini-conference 28th March 2025 – **Why Local Works**

9.30am **Opening Remarks** - Councillor Shona Morrison, President, COSLA

9.40am **Innovating from the ground up** - Katie Kelly, Chair of New

10.10am **Delivering the VHA in practice** - Councillor Steven Heddle,
Vice President, COSLA

The role and impact of COSLA for our Councils – ensuring Local by default

10.15am Resources & Health and Social Care Spokespeople –
*Securing Sustainable Funding & Supporting the Most Vulnerable in our
Communities*

**Securing sustainable funding to support our Innovation and Improvement in
Health and Social Care**

10.45am Refreshments, Marketplace viewing & Networking

11:20am Environment and Economy & Children and Young People
Spokespeople – *Enhancing Education and Support for our Children
and Young People to Deliver a Just Transition to a Net Zero Economy*

Meeting Young People’s Vision of Net Zero – A Spokesperson Discussion

11:50pm In conversation with: COSLA President, Vice President & Community
Wellbeing Spokesperson – The changing relationship with Scottish and
UK Government and the opportunity as we head towards 2026 to
change the dynamic and deliver the change required to **Strengthen
Local Democracy and Improve the Wellbeing of Individuals,
Families and Communities**

Reflections on improved dialogue and action.

12.15pm Close of Conference

Recess, Lunch and Marketplace

12:50pm Political Pre-Meetings

1:30pm Convention