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MINUTE OF MEETING OF LEADERS (DRAFT)

Tuesday, 5 January 2021 at 1400hrs
Microsoft Teams

Present

COSLA President	Councillor Alison Evison
COSLA Vice President	Councillor Graham Houston
Aberdeen City Council	Angela Scott
Aberdeen City Council	Councillor Douglas Lumsden
Aberdeenshire Council	Jim Savege
Aberdeenshire Council	Councillor Andy Kille
Angus Council	Margo Williamson
Angus Council	Councillor David Fairweather
Argyll and Bute Council	Pippa Milne
Argyll and Bute Council	Councillor Robin Currie
City of Edinburgh Council	Andrew Kerr
City of Edinburgh Council	Councillor Adam McVey
Clackmannanshire Council	Nikkie Bridle
Clackmannanshire Council	Councillor Ellen Forson
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	Robert Emmott (Substitute)
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	Councillor Roddie Mackay
Dumfries and Galloway Council	Andrew Reid
Dumfries and Galloway Council	Councillor Elaine Murray (Substitute)
Dumfries and Galloway Council	Councillor Gail Macgregor
COSLA Spokesperson	Gregory Colgan (Substitute)
Dundee City Council	Councillor John Alexander
Dundee City Council	Councillor Douglas Reid
East Ayrshire Council	Gerry Cornes
East Dunbartonshire Council	Councillor Andrew Polson
East Dunbartonshire Council	Monica Patterson
East Lothian Council	
East Lothian Council	Councillor Stuart Currie
COSLA Spokesperson	Councillor Norman Hampshire (Substitute)
East Lothian Council	Lorraine McMillan
East Renfrewshire Council	Councillor Tony Buchanan
East Renfrewshire Council	Kenneth Lawrie
Falkirk Council	Councillor Cecil Meiklejohn
Falkirk Council	

Fife Council	Steve Grimmond
Fife Council	Councillor David Alexander
Fife Council	Councillor David Ross
Glasgow City Council	Annemarie O'Donnell
Glasgow City Council	Councillor Susan Aitken
Highland Council	Donna Manson
Highland Council	Councillor Margaret Davidson
Inverclyde Council	Aubrey Fawcett
Inverclyde Council	Councillor Stephen McCabe
COSLA Spokesperson	Dr Grace Vickers
Midlothian Council	Councillor Russell Imrie (Substitute)
Midlothian Council	
Midlothian Council	Councillor Kelly Parry
COSLA Spokesperson	Roderick Burns
Moray Council	Councillor Graham Leadbitter
Moray Council	Craig Hatton
North Ayrshire Council	Councillor Joe Cullinane
North Ayrshire Council	Des Murray
North Lanarkshire Council	Councillor Paul Kelly (Substitute)
North Lanarkshire Council	John Mundell
Orkney Islands Council	Councillor James Stockan
Orkney Islands Council	Karen Reid
Perth and Kinross Council	Councillor Peter Barrett
Pert and Kinross Council	Councillor Murray Lyle
Perth and Kinross Council	Sandra Black
Renfrewshire Council	Councillor Iain Nicolson
Renfrewshire Council	David Robertson (Substitute)
Scottish Borders Council	Councillor Shona Haslam
Scottish Borders Council	Councillor Steven Coutts
Shetland Islands Council	Eileen Howat
South Ayrshire Council	Councillor Peter Henderson
South Ayrshire Council	Clealand Sneddon
South Lanarkshire Council	Councillor John Ross
South Lanarkshire Council	Carol Beattie
Stirling Council	Councillor Scott Farmer
Stirling Council	Joyce White
West Dunbartonshire Council	Councillor Jonathan McColl
West Dunbartonshire Council	Graham Hope
West Lothian Council	Councillor Lawrence Fitzpatrick
West Lothian Council	

Apologies

City of Edinburgh Council
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Councillor Claire Miller
Malcolm Burr*
Gavin Stevenson*
Councillor Rob Davidson*
David Martin*
Fiona Lees
Councillor Vaughan Moody
Councillor William Innes*
Councillor Derek Milligan*
Councillor Jim Logue*

Councillor Steven Heddle

Tracey Logan*
Maggie Sandison

Guests

John Swinney MSP
Aileen Campbell MSP
Dr Gregor Smith
Stephen Gallagher
Stuart Johnston

Deputy First Minister
Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local
Government
Chief Medical Officer for Scotland
Scottish Government Officer
Scottish Government Officer

**Denotes substitute provided*

Private Session

1. Introduction

The President welcomed those present and provided guidance on how the meeting would be conducted remotely using Microsoft Teams. Apologies and substitutes had been noted separately for the Minute.

2. First Minister's Announcement on COVID-19

Leaders had received a copy of the statement made on 4 January 2021 by the First Minister to the Scottish Parliament on the new COVID-19 lockdown measures which had come into effect from midnight. To assist with Leaders' questions on the detail and implications of what had been announced, the President welcomed to the meeting John Swinney MSP, Deputy First Minister and Aileen Campbell MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government. Also joining the meeting from the Scottish Government were Dr Gregor Smith, Chief Medical Officer for Scotland, and officers, Stephen Gallagher and Stuart Johnston.

Before inviting questions, the President asked the Deputy First Minister to comment on what had been announced. Scottish Government officials responded to a range of Leaders' questions and noted points requiring further consideration and clarification.

The President thanked the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for their attendance and willingness to answer questions.

Following the departure of Scottish Government representatives, Leaders raised several questions in the light of what had been discussed and suggested some areas for COSLA officers to consider taking forward.

Close

The President closed the meeting at 1540hrs by thanking Members for their attendance.