



### Community Wellbeing Board Workplan

**COSLA Leaders' Strong, Safe, and Sustainable Communities Priority** is *"Tackling poverty and inequalities, protecting the vulnerable, strengthening communities and improving their safety and sustainability."*

The Purpose of the Community Wellbeing Board is to support Members in the promotion of community cohesion and community wellbeing.

#### Priority areas for COSLA Community Wellbeing Board

Community Safety and Resilience	Community Cohesion	Community and Criminal Justice
Community Empowerment and Engagement	Housing and Homelessness	Equality and Human Rights
Consumer Protection	Employability	Social Security and Welfare Reform
Migration Policy	Poverty	Sports, Culture and Leisure

#### Cross-cutting themes

As well as advancing the COSLA principles of *Strengthening local democracy, Working together locally, Delivering outcomes, Focusing on communities, and Defending local choices*, there are a number of cross-cutting themes the Board's work will incorporate. These should include **tackling inequalities and poverty, wellbeing, inclusive growth and climate change**.

## National Performance Framework

The work of the Board also contributes to achieving the outcomes set out in the [National Performance Framework](#). These outcomes reflect the values and aspirations of the people of Scotland, are aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and help to track progress in reducing inequality. The national outcomes are outlined in the table below and each area of activity in the board plan is aligned with the various outcomes the work contributes to achieving.

### National Performance Framework (NPF) Key:

	We have a globally competitive, entrepreneurial, inclusive and sustainable economy.		We have thriving and innovative businesses, with quality jobs and fair work for everyone.
	We are open, connected and make a positive contribution internationally.		We are healthy and active.
	We tackle poverty by sharing opportunities, wealth and power more equally.		We value, enjoy, protect and enhance our environment.
	We live in communities that are inclusive, empowered, resilient and safe.		We are creative and our vibrant and diverse cultures are expressed and enjoyed widely.
	We grow up safe, loved and respected so that we realise our full potential.		We respect, protect and fulfil human rights and live free from discrimination.
	We are well educated, skilled and able to contribute to society.		

**Community and Criminal Justice.**

Area of activity	Outcome sought	RAG score	Status update	Key Milestones ahead
<p><i>Promote the community justice model with more community based sentences, instead of custodial sentences. Respond to the backlog of Unpaid Work due to the Covid 19 pandemic.</i></p>	<p>Reduce re-offending. Promote effective rehabilitation and reintegration of offenders back into communities. Reduce Scotland's prison population.</p> 	<p>Amber</p>	<p>COSLA Spokesperson for Community Wellbeing and the Cabinet Secretary for Justice regularly engaged on Community Justice agenda.</p> <p>COSLA organised an event for elected members on 7 October chaired by Cllr Parry, COSLA Spokesperson for Community Wellbeing that included contributions from the Cab Sec for Justice as well as SWS and Prof Mike Nellis on the CJ element of the National Care Service Consultation.</p> <p>COSLA participation on CJ Network and Working Gp meetings.</p> <p>Regular engagement with Justice Partners i.e. Social Work Scotland, Community Justice Scotland, Third Sector and the Scottish Prison Service.</p>	<p>Scottish governance is supported through bilateral ownership of the Community Justice Strategy with Cabinet Secretary for Justice, and a problem-solving approach with the national stakeholders e.g. continued discussions with SG and partners to reduce UPW backlog.</p> <p>Continued funding for CJP Co-ordinators.</p> <p>COSLA with CJS to deliver a further Partnership Event in 2021/22 involving elected members to consider challenges and pressures ahead for Justice System and role of Local Govt.</p> <p>COSLA participation on monthly CJ Network meetings.</p> <p>COSLA participation on quarterly SWS Justice Standing Committees and CJS Policy Forum meetings. In addition, COSLA holds regular update meetings with SPS.</p> <p>COSLA participation on quarterly Restorative Justice Stakeholder Group.</p>

			<p>COSLA will work with partners to develop initiatives to promote the use of restorative justice as an alternative way to help victims of crime, but also to reduce re-offending.</p> <p>COSLA will support and work with partners on the Victim Support Taskforce that has been established to improve support, advice and information for victims of crime.</p>	COSLA participation on quarterly Victim Support Taskforce.
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Work with the Scottish Govt's Covid 19 Justice Hub and the Recovery of the Justice System Group, as part of the RRT Programme that covers UPW, prison population, bail etc.	<p>Responding to the Covid 19 Pandemic and the challenges to Scotland's Justice System. This will include reducing the backlog in UPW and reducing the cycle of reoffending – and potential joint work with the justice community to reduce pressure caused by high prisoner numbers.</p> 	Amber	<p>COSLA is to be engaged in regular meetings to review the Recovery of the Justice System (RRT) Programme at meetings co-chaired by Cllr Parry, COSLA Spokesperson for Community Wellbeing and the Cabinet Secretary for Justice every 4 months.</p> <p>COSLA engaged in meetings on an officer basis with RRT – Recovery of Justice System Grp facilitated by CJS and SPS.</p> <p>COSLA engage CJS on Review of OPI Framework</p> <p>COSLA engaged with the Scottish Govt's Covid Justice Hub with other Justice Partners.</p>	<p>Build the Justice System back better with adequate resources for local authorities. As well as improved outcomes for offenders to prevent reoffending e.g. additional funding for UPW.</p> <p>COSLA to respond to National Community Justice Strategy consultation in early 2022, as well as wider Justice Strategy</p> <p>COSLA participation in multi-agency Restore and Renew Justice (RRT) strategic engagement group held fortnightly.</p> <p>COSLA participation with SWS on OPI Framework Reference Group</p> <p>COSLA participation on twice weekly Covid Justice Hub meeting facilitated by the Scottish Govt.</p>

Community Safety and Resilience				
Area of activity	Outcome sought	RAG score	Status update	Key Milestones ahead
National Appropriate Adult Co-ordinator – and the realisation of the new statutory LA responsibilities	 <p>Providing national oversight during the implementation of statutory Appropriate Adult services</p>	Green	<p>Exploring options to promote representation and participation of Local Authorities, services and practitioners. Support provided by Improvement Service.</p> <p>Work continues to support development and implementation of local oversight arrangements.</p> <p>Continue to contribute to the work of the Care Inspectorate to develop a rights-based and outcomes focused quality assurance framework.</p> <p>Engagement with SOLACE and HSCPs to highlight corporate responsibilities</p> <p>West Lothian College awarded the contract for development of National Appropriate Adult Training Programme. Project jointly managed by COSLA and Scottish Government.</p>	First year of project and completion of Annual Report.
Area of Activity	Outcome Sought	RAG Score	Status update	Key Milestones ahead
COSLA will continue to work for meaningful local accountability of Police Scotland.	Preserve and enhance local accountability of Policing in Scotland.	Green	Initial agenda plans for a meeting of COSLA Police Scrutiny Conveners Forum to be held in late 2021 after COP26.	Next COSLA Police Scrutiny Convener Forum meeting to be confirmed on 2 December, 2021.

			<p>Meeting of COSLA's SMT and SOLACE with the Deputy Chief Constable and other senior Police officers held on 23 Sept, 2021.</p> <p>COSLA participated in meetings with the SPA on Local Police Plans in August with SPA and Police Scotland. In addition, research into police confidence. COSLA to participate in SPA's Police Performance Cttee.</p>	<p>Next meeting of COSLA's SMT, SOLACE and Police Scotland on 18 January 2022 with actions to be completed. Planned work with SOLACE on the progress being made on collaborative work between LAs and Police Scotland.</p> <p>Next meeting of SPA's Policing Performance Committee in Dec 2021. COSLA attendance on Independent Assurance Group, as well as participation on other multi-agency groups on COP26, Domestic Abuse etc</p> <p>Joint presentation to Leaders by the Chief Constable of Police Scotland and Chair of the SPA to be held later in 2022.</p>
Areas of Activity	Outcome Sought	RAG Score	Status Update	Key Milestones Ahead
Building Safer Communities (BSC)	<p>COSLA seen as an active participant in the safer communities' agenda to reduce demand led services.</p> 	Green	<p>We are actively contributing to the Building Safer Communities Programme. We contribute towards and support counter terrorism activities in partnership with the Scottish Govt, Police Scotland, SFRS and other partners.</p> <p>The Scottish Govt established a Fireworks Advisory Group in 2020 to provide recommendations on preventing misuse of fireworks. COSLA participated with SOLAR and Trading Standards representatives from Local Govt. An update on the fireworks consultation is included in the update report. COSLA and Police Scotland work with Scottish Govt to set up a tripartite group on Public</p>	<p>Contribute to Unintentional Harm agenda with key partners in Building Safer Communities Executive Group</p> <p>COSLA participation in Scottish Govt-Local Govt Group to develop provisions of Bill and co-ordinating feedback from local authority advisers.</p> <p>COSLA contribute to a proposed Tripartite Group on Public Space CCTV Research Advisory Group led by Scottish Govt. Likely to be late Autumn at earliest given other pressing Covid commitments.</p>

		<p>Space CCTV. Further political discussions are likely to be needed to ensure the tripartite gets up and running.</p> <p>COSLA attendance at the Scottish Parliament's Cross-Party Group on Community Safety to discuss national issues that impact on Scotland's local communities.</p> <p>COSLA work with the SFRS on wider community safety issues and respond to SFRS's strategic plan consultation.</p> <p>COSLA work with Scottish Community Safety Network (SCSN) on community safety - crime prevention and unintentional harm awareness for elected members.</p> <p>COSLA co-ordinates Stadia Safety Group and work with Sports Ground Safety Authority (SGSA) to support Covid 19 responses and stadia safety.</p> <p>COSLA participate on Dangerous Dogs Working Group with Scottish Govt and Local Authorities to investigate potential for National Database for dog control, as well as potential requirement for any future legislation.</p>	<p>Establish a presence at the Cross Party Group on Community Safety.</p> <p>SFRS Chair and Chief Fire Officer to attend Community Wellbeing Board in 2022.</p> <p>Proposed Joint SCSN-COSLA events on community safety in 2021/22.</p> <p>COSLA to hold meeting with SGSA and Scottish Govt later in November to resume support to Local Authorities.</p> <p>COSLA participates on regular monthly meetings of Working Group.</p>
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Work on strands of activity that promote resilience and counter terrorism.	Promote activities to prevent terrorism and resilience in communities. 	Green	COSLA attendance at Prevent Multi-Agency Panels Duty (PMAP) launch on 25 March.  COSLA keeping an overview of the Voluntary Sector Resilience Partnership	Maintenance of contact with the groups and partnership.  New national guidance on Prevent Multi Agency Panel guidance to be circulated in summer of 2021. Training to be available for LAs.
Serious Organised Crime (SOC)	Reduction in Serious Organised Crime within Scotland's communities. 	Amber	COSLA participated in Serious Organised Crime Task Force chaired by Cabinet Secretary for Justice on 4 October.	Next SOC Task Force TBC for later 2021 and chaired by Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans.

### **Community Empowerment and Engagement**

#### **Participatory Budgeting**

Area of activity	Outcome sought	RAG score	Status update	Key Milestones ahead
<i>Realisation of the 1% Mainstreaming Participatory Budgeting Framework Agreement</i>	32 councils are supported to deliver and embed mainstream PB 	Green	Pro-forma returns on progress towards the 1% Framework Agreement have been collated and analysed. The figures provided are in PB Update  Draft revised Elected Members PB briefing in development to shift focus on mainstreaming.	Ongoing work with councils over coming months based on pro-forma returns. COSLA officers will look to work with councils to expand and enhance mainstream PB activity.  Publication Autumn 2021
<i>Embedding an equalities approach within participatory processes to ensure inclusion</i>	To enhance mainstream participatory budgeting to empower marginalised and excluded communities	Green	COSLA establishing an officer working group to develop tools/resources to support councils in demonstrating the immediate and broader impacts of mainstream PB activity. A key focus of this work will be	

			<p>inclusion of equalities considerations during the budgetary process. This work adopt a partnership approach with Audit Scotland and Scottish Government colleagues.</p>	
<p><i>Consul – a digital tool for open and transparent citizen engagement, participation and decision making</i></p>	<p>Councils are supported to use Consul to engage with people and communities</p> 	<p>Amber</p>	<p>West Lothian Council testing Consul with My Account integrated (March 21). Planning with other LAs underway to progress the roll out of Consul with myaccount.</p> <p>COSLA has been working with colleagues in the Digital Office for Scottish Local Government and Improvement Service to progress and enhance the platform for use by local authorities and community users. This includes the integration of My Account to improve the user experience and enhance the ability of the platform to collect vital participation data.</p>	<p>Testing and integration of Identity Verification through My Account now live for WLC.</p> <p>Artificial Intelligence modules to reduce burden of facilitating conversations and deliberations applied to selected test council sites have been running since May 21.</p>

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			organisations also using CONSUL.	
<b>Consumer Protection</b>				
Area of activity	Outcome sought	RAG score	Status update	Key Milestones ahead
<i>Energy marketing scams</i>	 <p>Uncover the state of compliance in regard to current adverts and offers for energy efficient home improvement works and take appropriate enforcement or disruption actions.</p>	Green	An evaluation of the impact of the current disruption/enforcement activity will be conducted	Some legal advice is being sought in relation to the roles and responsibilities of lead generators. This will inform future work.
Area of activity	Outcome sought	RAG score	Status update	Key Milestones ahead
<i>Itinerant doorstep crime</i>	 <p>A national coordinated approach to the problem involving TSS, local TS services and Police Scotland</p>	Green	Continuing to work with partners to ensure a multi-agency approach to this issue. Intelligence development is a priority.	Agreeing routes to referral processes ensuring incidents notified to appropriate body
<i>Mobility aids</i>	 <p>Ensure that consumers are properly protected from misselling and aggressive sales practices in this area</p>	Amber	There has been a notable drop in intelligence in this area since March. This is likely to be due to the restrictions associated with the pandemic and the difficulties this causes for salespeople	Review of intelligence is being conducted on a monthly basis. Currently there is no intelligence to support any investigative work in this area.
<i>Counterfeit goods for sale on social media</i>	 <p>Identify counterfeit goods for sale on social media sites and disrupt this activity.</p>	Green	TSS has been lead work resulting in two significant seizures of counterfeit goods. In one instance goods worth over £3m were seized.	It is intended that this project will run throughout the coming financial year.
		Green	We have been successful in a bid to the Scottish Crime	Ongoing.

	Disrupt the supply chain by tackling false/misleading adverts for farmed puppies which are advertised as being home reared.		Campus Multi Agency Tasking & Delivery Board in taking this work forward with support and resources from other partners at the crime campus. This shows recognition that the illicit trade in puppies is supported by a criminal framework.	
<i>IPTV</i>	 <p>Illicit streaming is the distribution of media content without the copyright owner's permission using internet protocol television (IPTV). It is currently so prolific that it is posing a significant risk to the business interests of legitimate broadcasters. TSS has been working in partnership with broadcasters to tackle the individuals responsible for illicit 14 streaming in Scotland.</p>	Green	Work continues to finalise prosecution report with a forensic report having now been received. Financial investigation is ongoing by Police Scotland.	Report of prosecution case to Procurator Fiscal
<i>Secondary Ticketing</i>	 <p>Ensure that sales of secondary tickets are in line with the relevant legislation by working with the CMA in this area.</p>	Amber	Restrictions on live events means that there is little to no activity in this area at this time.	Intelligence reviewed on a monthly basis. Issue will be picked up as and when necessary.
<i>Illegal money lending</i>	 <p>Identify and investigate allegations of illegal money lending. Design and support initiatives aimed at diverting</p>	Green	Enforcement work is ongoing.	Evaluations of projects from 2020/21 to be started.  Scoping project to assess extent of illegal money lending activity on the internet to be conducted.

	people from using illegal lenders.			
<b>Employability</b>				
<b>No One Left Behind</b>				
Area of activity	Outcome sought	RAG score	Status update	Key Milestones ahead
Review formal employability partnership agreement between SG and LG that was co-signed in 2018.	 <p>More effective partnership working between Scottish Government and local government on employability overseen by joint governance arrangements. An employability system which is more flexible, person centred and easier to navigate</p>	Amber	The timescale for this work has slipped due to priority, LG and SG, given to other commitments. It is not especially time critical but it is important that the agreement is updated given the changed context and learning.	Revised Partnership Agreement, formally signed in September, 2021.
Work towards achieving Delivery Plan objectives	 <p>Clarity of the NOLB policy and delivery intent with all stakeholders.</p>	Amber	<p>The Delivery Plan was published in November 2020 Delivery Plan on the COSLA website and widely promoted. All work strands to continue – e.g. a simplified Shared Measurement Framework, Governance and Funding oversight arrangements, etc.</p> <p>Exit Plans for Employability Fund and Community Jobs Scotland are agreed and signed off.</p> <p>Report on Local Employability Partnerships self-assessments – has been completed.</p>	<p>Joint Communication – Phase 2 of NOL. September 2021.</p> <p>'Go Live' for NOLB Next Phase - Minister / Spokesperson - signed-off – June 2021</p> <p>Scottish and Local Government Joint Employability / No One Left Behind Summit – Autumn 2021</p> <p>Employability Fund and Community Jobs Scotland final exit plan check- November 2021</p> <p>Joint Review of No One Left Behind Local Delivery Plan – February 2022</p> <p>Additional funding in place for April 2022.</p>

			<p>There have been a number of supporting products and formally agreed – e.g. a framework to support employer recruitment incentives</p> <p>There is a particular focus on accelerating transition of national programme funding to NOLB and Local Employability Partnerships by April 2022. Awaiting a decision to be taken by the Minister for Just Transition, Employment and Fair Work.</p>	
Delivery Reports	First delivery reports to show good progress despite pandemic challenges	Amber	First service delivery data reports to be published by the Scottish Government in February 2021.	
Funding	<p>New funding for 2021/22 agreed and allocated</p> <p>Simplified process to see funding for NOLB, PESF and YPG allocated through a single grant offer</p>	Amber	<p>Funding channelled through LG for Local Employability Partnerships has been agreed and made available for 21/22 for – NOLB, YPG, PESF and PESF Boost, Disabled Parents</p> <p>There were, however, significant delays in allocating funding due to the need for new Minister sign off.</p> <p>Additional funding for a job creation scheme will be considered through SDG and Leaders in September (see below)</p> <p>Due to significant and ongoing LG concerns, there is</p>	Discussions on future funding approaches – October 2021.

			agreement with SG to consider different funding approaches to enable greater local flexibilities on spend to promote better outcomes for service users. LG and SG will have an initial meeting on this on 4 October.	
Job Creation Scheme	Scottish Government has developed a proposal for a scheme to create new jobs in local public and third sector – investment to LG for local lead	Amber	Additional funding for a job creation scheme will be considered through SDG and Leaders in September (see below)	SG funding proposal to be considered through SDG and COSLA Leaders in September 2021.
<b>Young Person Guarantee</b>				
<b>Area of activity</b>	<b>Outcome sought</b>	<b>RAG score</b>	<b>Status update</b>	<b>Key Milestones ahead</b>
Development of Local Government framework for delivery and for spending flexibilities to be agreed between Local Government and Scottish Government	 <p>Clarity on expectations and flexibility for local authorities for SG's investment of £30m.</p> <p>Evidence of effective mitigation of employment crisis for young people aged 16-24 supported by local authorities.</p>	Amber	<p>Funding package agreed through COSLA governance process. Participation in bi-lateral meetings with Scottish Government and in wider stakeholder meetings to ensure join up. Also discussing integration / wrap around with UK Government's Kickstart programme.</p> <p>Framework for Employer recruitment incentives agreed.</p> <p>Programme delivery framework in place in early November</p> <p>Local authority delivery plans all submitted and 'approved'</p>	Delivery from November 2020 – March 2022.

			Some funding flexibilities enabled.  Given continuing pandemic lockdown restrictions, and extended business and employee schemes in place, funding spend has been constrained and discussion on additional flexibilities is ongoing with SG.	
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**Employability – Supporting priority Groups**

Area of activity	Outcome sought	RAG score	Status update	Key Milestones ahead
COSLA Leaders have made commitments to the Young Person's Guarantee and to support local people most disadvantaged in the labour market through its role as an employer.	Clarity on how LG collectively support young people and other priority groups who are most disadvantaged in the labour market.  Increased support through building on best practice and funding opportunities	Green	Information will be gathered from LAs as a benchmark for improvement.	

**Equality and Human Rights**

**Social Isolation and Loneliness**

Area of activity	Outcome sought	RAG score	Status update	Key Milestones ahead
Social Isolation and Loneliness - Co-leadership of National Implementation Group	Effective support for the COSLA Spokesperson for Community Well Being as co-chair of the National Implementation Group	Green	Ongoing  Meeting took place in October 2021.	Continuation of joint politically lead meetings on this matter through 2021
Social Isolation and Loneliness - Development of national priorities	Working with Scottish Government and stakeholders to reappraise priorities and provide oversight and drive on priorities	Amber	Working closely with SG and stakeholders on re-appraising priorities informed by learning from accelerated and crisis activity during the pandemic.	

	to mitigate increasing levels of isolation and loneliness			
	Need to ensure that expectations, roles and responsibilities for Local Government are realistic and achievable within existing resources.			

**Equality Act 2010**

Area of activity	Outcome sought	RAG score	Status update	Key Milestones ahead
<p>Positively influence national and local equality practice through supporting and participating in the Scottish Councils' Equality Network (SCEN)</p> <p>Contribute to the Scottish Government's review of the PSED through membership of SNEIP and ensuring strong links in this work between SCEN and Scottish Government</p> <p>Influence and shape the Scottish Government's equality approach to the Budget by participating in the Equality and Budget Advisory Group, with particular reference to recommendations set</p>	<p>Local Government is supported to promote equality and to meet its duties under the Equality Act 2010</p> <p>COSLA and our member councils are kept informed of developments in equality, and Local Government interests are reflected in developments</p> 		<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Delayed due to COVID-19. Interim report published in March 2021, work continuing in 2021.</p> <p>Publication of the Equality and Fairer Scotland Budget Statement accompanying the Scottish Budget in Jan 2021. EBAG made recommendation to incoming Government following the election.</p>	<p>Interim report published in March 2021, work continuing during Parliamentary term</p>

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<b>Barriers to Elected Office – Special Interest Group</b>				
<b>Area of activity</b>	<b>Outcome sought</b>	<b>RAG score</b>	<b>Status update</b>	<b>Key Milestones ahead</b>
Lead strategic development of the COSLA President's equality and diversity work by: working with a cross-party Special Interest Group on the barriers to elected office and taking forward the action plan	COSLA Leaders promote diversity within local democracy 	Green	Policy & Participation Officer (BEO lead) recruited with fixed term contract initially until end Sept 2021, with a recent extension to end March 2022  A BEO action plan has been agreed to take forward this work, with 3 BEO SIG meetings planned for the year to oversee progress and provide a steer on priorities within the action plan.	Priority areas for 2021/22 include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civility in Public Life (4 nations project with the LGA, WLGA and NILGA) - Digital Citizenship guide developed to tackle abuse and harassment of Councillors</li> <li>• Promotion of work of SIG and importance of candidate diversity in 2022 elections via press/media coverage - including the Why You Wednesday social media campaign</li> <li>• Guidance for independent candidates – part of wider work to encourage and support a more diverse range of people to consider standing in the 2022 elections</li> <li>• Councillor remuneration – lobbying and communications plan currently in development based on survey results</li> </ul> Next SIG meeting – early 2022 (date TBC)
<b>Human Rights</b>				
<b>Area of activity</b>	<b>Outcome sought</b>	<b>RAG score</b>	<b>Status update</b>	<b>Key Milestones ahead</b>
Monitor and respond to developments in the human rights agenda, and ensure Local Government interests are reflected, e.g. embedding human rights in the National Performance Framework	COSLA and our member councils are kept informed of developments in human rights, and Local Government interests are reflected in developments	Green	Ongoing	



<p>Ensure officer and political engagement with the Ministerial Working Group on Gypsy/Travellers and support local delivery of the action plan</p> <p>Support engagement with Gypsy/Traveller communities on the delivery of the action plan</p>	<p>COSLA contributes to national developments to improve outcomes for Gypsy/Traveller communities across key equality priorities</p>	<p>Green</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The action plan has been extended until 2022 in recognition of the impact of Covid-19 on delivery.</p> <p>Upcoming milestones:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Decisions on year 1 and year 2 demonstration projects for the £20m capital fund for accommodation with Scottish Government</li> <li>-Ministerial Working Group meeting and update on delivery</li> <li>-£2m improvement funding final report</li> <li>-Commissioning Negotiated Stopping Pilot research</li> <li>-Learning events on supporting roadside encampments</li> <li>-Publication of Covid-19 recovery framework</li> <li>-Scoping work to support mental health and women experiencing domestic abuse</li> </ul>
<p><b>Equally Safe</b></p>				
<p>Area of activity</p>	<p>Outcome sought</p>	<p>RAG score</p>	<p>Status update</p>	<p>Key Milestones ahead</p>
<p>Ongoing provision of governance support for the CWB Board and the Spokesperson of CWB Board as Co-Chair of the Equally Safe Joint Strategic Board with Scottish Government Minister for Equalities and Older People</p>	<p>Strong and fair partnership approach across spheres of government to support continued implementation of the ES Strategy and Delivery Plan locally, in line with local needs and circumstances.</p> <p>Robust and positive partnership and ongoing collaboration with the SG to successfully progress towards the achievement of Equally Safe Aims, underpinned by collective leadership, a whole systems ethos and approach and a gendered analysis</p> 	<p>Amber</p>	<p>Consideration is being given to a review (including refreshment of membership) the ES JSB as part of the overall ES refreshment process.</p> <p>COSLA will seek the addition of balanced representation from across the LG Family, along with the current SG, PHS and key third sector national organisations representation.</p>	<p>The October 2021 ES JSB has been postponed until early 2022.</p>

<p>Identifying areas of COSLA priority for ES focused action and development across Boards for period October 2021 – September 2023</p>	<p>Ongoing and sustained investment in COSLA's joint ownership of Equally Safe, with commitment to support implementation of ES locally, from the new phase of the Delivering Equally Safe Fund (October 2021 – end September 2023) and beyond, to 2026.</p> <p>Systems and processes, including policy processes, that deliver progress towards gender equality and positive equality outcomes for women and girls</p> <p>Stabilised and sustainable resourcing support for specialist VAWG services across LA areas that add value to and deliver against local strategic priorities and needs.</p> <p>Sustainable support secured for VAWPs as key engine driver of local implementation of Equally Safe through a whole systems response</p> <p>Strong collaborative leadership across the LF family and Community Planning partners, delivering gender competent and VAWG informed policy and practice across mainstream services.</p>	<p>Amber</p>	<p>The ES DRAFT workplan for period 2021 – 2023 provides: - ongoing commitment to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. - supporting COSLA's governance of ES in partnership with the Scottish Government <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ensuring COSLA representation at the broad range of national accountability steering groups and to working group, ensuring strategic oversight and co-ordination of ES work strands.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. engage with the Scottish Government to drive forward a joint national strategic funding review of frontline VAWG services – and to ensure LG and LA's through VAWPs are robustly engaged in and informing its outcomes.</li> <li>3. work in partnership with the Scottish Government and with key ES stakeholders including specialist services to refresh the equally Safe Strategy and Delivery Plan</li> <li>4. provide ongoing policy support to COSLA's members to enable their oversight of VAWPs performance and challenges as ES's 'key engine driver of implementation of ES at a local level'.</li> </ol>	<p>SG Funding for officer support agreed until end September 2023</p>
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Service and the National Violence Against Women Network (VAWPS) in the context of Covid-19 recovery and renewal	informed by UN Women's recommendations		to the impacts of Covid-19 on women and girls – including raised prevalence of and vulnerabilities to VAWG A proposal on a joint COSLA/PHS and IS strategic framework agreement is in development.	
Close working with VAWP's and Equally Safe multi agency stakeholders through the ES Delivery Group and the National VAWP Network	Members robust support for VAWP's in their role as the key local engine to facilitate/ coordinate local planning and multi-agency approaches to prevent and eradicate VAWG, to safeguard victims and support their recovery and wellbeing and to hold perpetrators to account.	Amber	Delivery Group refreshed purpose and schedule of engagement for 2021 to be agreed with SG as part of ES forward planning and review process.  Attendance at and engagement with VAWP Network monthly via communications and through bi-monthly meetings. All meetings to date attended by COSLA officer.	Bi-weekly digital communications with VAWP's continue strengthening COSLA/IS/VAWP/LA communications  Bi-monthly VAWP Network meetings continue  Schedule for bi -annual CWB Spokesperson deep dive meetings with VAWP Leads and Chairs now developed. Chair met the Network in October to discuss next steps with VAWP leads on the CSE and Prostitution agenda.
Take forward recommendations from COSLA and SG 2020 16 Days Programme of events, where relevant to LG.	Progression throughout 2021 on recommendations identified through 16 Days Programmes of Activity 2019/20 and 2021/22	Amber	Scope and ambition of COSLA ES workplan approved by CWB Board, including:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local responses to supporting victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation</li> <li>- Collective Leadership</li> <li>- The participation of survivors of VAWG, including children and young people and adults impacted by gender and additional intersectional inequalities, in informing policy decision making</li> </ul>	Scope and ambition of Workplan/Business Plan now discussed with IS and PHS GBV/VAWP leads/. All work to progress, where relevant, t cohesively across the three organisations, and will inform ES refresh process in partnership with SG

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Promoting and supporting greater positive male/political leadership support and engagement in VAWG prevention</li> <li>- Promotion of greater understanding of the international human rights framework and gender analysis underpinning the ES approach</li> </ul>	
Take forward outstanding actions from previous ES Plans and commitments not yet achieved	<p>'Whole COSLA' gender equality competence and awareness across teams and Boards, informing LG policy design and decision making that: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• strengthens gender equality</li> <li>• prevents VAWG</li> <li>• ensures early intervention</li> <li>• embeds joined up pathways of support and recovery for victims</li> <li>• that delivers perpetrator accountability and where possible, changed behaviours</li> <li>• mitigates against the heightened risks of VAWG to women and children created by the pandemic.</li> </ul>	Amber	<p>There are ongoing and outstanding areas, of work in progress Including (but not be limited to: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children and Young People and VAWG</li> <li>• VAWG as a Public Health issue</li> <li>• Alcohol and Drug Partnerships engagement</li> <li>• VAWG. Mental Health, Trauma informed practice and decision making, Suicide Prevention</li> <li>• Procurement and Commissioning of Specialist Services</li> <li>• Women, decision making and access to power</li> <li>• Community Justice</li> <li>• Buffer Zones around health facilities</li> <li>• SEV Licencing</li> </ul>	Scope and ambition of Workplan/Business Plan now discussed with IS and PHS GBV/VAWP leads/. All work to progress , where relevant, cohesively across the three organisations, and will inform ES refresh process in partnership with SG

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responses to needs of women engaged in CSE (from outcomes of CSE short-term working group),</li> <li>• ongoing covid-19 related mitigating activity to ensure support and available guidance and resources for recovery</li> <li>• corporate leadership (VAWG informed employment practice)</li> <li>• high risk assessment, management, and planning</li> <li>• COSLA work planning in progress to prioritise action in line with available capacity</li> </ul>	
<b>Housing &amp; Homelessness</b>				
Area of activity	Outcome sought	RAG score	Status update	Key Milestones ahead
Ending Homelessness Together action plan	Implementation of the HARSAG recommendations through the updated 		Updated Action plan published 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Report to Parliament published October 2021, next due 2022
Rapid Rehousing Transition Plans	Ending homelessness in Scotland and ensure communities across Scotland are supported to live in accessible, affordable housing 	Green	Discussions on 22/23 funding to begin this month with a view that distribution will go to Leaders in November.	Ongoing
Working with stakeholders via the	Local authorities can plan to prevent homelessness, maximise supply and access to	Green	The <a href="#">Prevention Review Group report</a> was published on 18 February 2021. A consultation	Consultation anticipated Dec 2021

Prevention Review Group	a range of settled housing options, supporting individuals and families to live in accessible, affordable housing 		on a prevention duty is expected to be published in December 2021	
Implementation of the Unsuitable Accommodation Order	Local authorities are able to provide suitable accommodation when required 	Amber	Local authorities continue to work to minimise breaches of the UAO following end of the temporary exceptions.	End of temporary exceptions was 30 September 2021
Affordable Housing Supply Programme Working with Scottish Government on their target to build 50,000 affordable homes by 2021	Local Government can support the realisation of the AHSP target to benefit their communities 	Green	AHSP Benchmark Investment Review Group report featured on Aug 2021 Leaders agenda. Discussions ongoing regarding disparity in levels between RSL and Council grant benchmarks. Correspondence from Cabinet Secretary anticipated shortly. Discussions also ongoing regarding announcement of 110000 houses to be delivered by 2032.	Meeting between COSLA Spokesperson and Cabinet Secretary held 28 October
Appropriate Local Government engagement in the Scottish Energy Efficiency programme(s)	Political and Officer participation in the Energy Efficient Scotland Programme Strategic Board and the Delivery Board. 	Amber	Energy Efficiency programme governance structures were not established as planned. COSLA EE spokesperson met Ministers where commitment to joint leadership was reaffirmed and SG indicated their intention to widen the remit of the programme to include heat. Further update will follow when available.	<a href="#">Heat in Buildings Strategy</a> published Oct 2021.  March 2021 publication of updated guidance.

			Scottish Government Guidance for Social Landlords on the Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing published in March 2021. <a href="#">The Zero Emissions Social Housing Taskforce report</a> has been published.	
Review of building and fire safety regulatory frameworks post Grenfell	Homes are safe and fire safety is prioritised 	Green	New standards for fire and smoke alarms in all homes from February 2022.	New standards February 2022
<b>Migration Policy</b>				
<b>EU Exit</b>				
<b>Area of activity</b>	<b>Outcome sought</b>	<b>RAG score</b>	<b>Status update</b>	<b>Key Milestones ahead</b>
Scope implications of Brexit with local authorities and build an evidence base on migration and impacts on local authority areas (e.g. demographics, workforce, local business/economy, rights, integration, etc.). And ensure LG interests are heard and prioritised.	There is a clear understanding of Scottish Local Government needs and interests regarding migration in the light of Brexit 	Amber	Ongoing	Migration Advisory Service (MAC) call for evidence on the impact of the ending of freedom of movement on the adult social care sector (deadline 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2021). COSLA will work with Heads of HR, SG, SSSC, CCPS and Scottish Care to collate evidence.
Provide committee evidence, briefings for MPs, and other lobbying tactics with the aim to shape the new points-based immigration	We have a flexible immigration system post-Brexit that is capable of responding to Scotland's needs	Amber	COSLA response to New Plan for Immigration consultation approved by Leaders April 2021  Paper to the Board in September 2021 highlighting	Wish to engage with UK Government and lobby on key aspects of the Borders and Immigration Bill as it progresses through the UK Parliament.

system in order that it meets the needs of Scottish Local Government.			concerns with the Borders and Immigration Bill	
<b>EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS)</b>				
Area of activity	Outcome sought	RAG score	Status update	Key Milestones ahead
<p>Continue our work with the Home Office, Scottish Government and local authorities to identify and support vulnerable people to access the EU Settlement Scheme.</p> <p>Continue to work with the IOM to provide assistance to local authorities supporting vulnerable people through the EUSS application.</p>	<p>EEA citizens living in Scotland are valued and their right to settled status is prioritised</p> 	Amber	<p>We are now past the deadline (30 June), but know there are many vulnerable people still in need of support with existing pending cases, moving from pre- to settled status, and late applications. Withdrawal of support will have a significant impact on the individuals and families concerned, and for Local Government.</p>	<p>September 2021: Home Office and Scottish Government caseworker funding has been extended until September, but there has been no answer about funding beyond this date. COSLA will continue to lobby for a further extension of this funding to ensure vulnerable people are supported with existing pending cases, moving from pre- to settled status, and late applications.</p>
<b>Human Trafficking</b>				
Area of activity	Outcome sought	RAG score	Status update	Key Milestones ahead
<p>Lead the national action area on victim protection. Sit on other HT action areas.</p> <p>Convene and drive forward policy innovation and improvement on HT, e.g. on devolving NRM</p>	<p>Victims of trafficking are identified and protected, the perpetrators caught, and everything possible done to make Scotland a hostile environment for trafficking.</p> 	Amber	Ongoing	<p>New HT strategy by Scottish Government (this has been significantly delayed due to covid)</p> <p>Introduction of Duty to Notify in 2022</p> <p>NRM Devolution pilot in Glasgow for victims of child trafficking (this has now begun and will continue throughout this year)</p> <p>Nail Bar Summit of key stakeholders to take place in December 2021</p>

<p>decisions to local authorities, nail bar licencing.</p> <p>Work across stakeholders to influence policy development and national strategy setting.</p> <p>Support local authorities' corporate planning to develop HT protocols, especially post-pandemic/Brexit</p>				
<b>Refugee Resettlement</b>				
Area of activity	Outcome sought	RAG score	Status update	Key Milestones ahead
<p>Working with councils, the UK Government and partner agencies to facilitate refugee resettlement in Scotland, share learning and practice, and influence the design of future shape of resettlement to the UK to ensure it meets the needs of local authorities and their communities..</p>	<p>Local authorities are well placed to support the reception and ongoing integration of refugees resettled through the UK Resettlement Scheme.</p> <p>Local Government priorities are represented in the development of future policy on refugee resettlement programmes.</p> 	Amber	<p>Clarity still being sought regarding the new UKRS, and particular concerns regarding the lack of a long term funding commitment to support the role of Local Government</p> <p>UKG have introduced ILR to resettled refugees arriving through UKRS.</p> <p>The UKG have asked LAs to respond to the situation in Afghanistan by providing homes for Afghan Locally Employed Staff, support bridging hotels for Afghan arrivals and participate in the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme. Currently clarity is being sought on how all these schemes will operate and</p>	<p>Awaiting detail on changes that may be introduced on the back of the New Plan for Immigration, including in relation to ILR for resettled refugees</p> <p>Announcements on refugee resettlement and relocation schemes</p>

			interlink with other asks in regard to humanitarian protection.	
<b>Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) Dispersal and Support</b>				
Area of activity	Outcome sought	RAG score	Status update	Key Milestones ahead

<p>Develop relationships with partners across Scotland to complement the work of local authorities to support UASC appropriately to meet their needs in different communities.</p> <p>Work with the UK and Scottish Government to influence the design of UASC dispersal and support to ensure it meets the needs of local authorities and local communities.</p>	<p>Local authorities are well placed to support the reception and ongoing integration of UASC dispersed to Scotland or any spontaneous arrivals</p> <p>All partners involved in UASC support are well placed to contribute to the ongoing support and integration of UASC</p> <p>Local Government priorities are represented in the policy development of future programmes for UASC</p> 	<p>Amber</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Home Office launched the refreshed National Transfer Scheme on 26 July. COSLA Leaders agreed Scottish participation in August. This commits Scotland to taking 45 young people per 650 cycle.</p>	<p>Scotland participating in the National Transfer Scheme from October. Placements are required from local authorities as a matter of urgency.</p>
<p><b>Asylum Dispersal</b></p>				
<p>Area of activity</p>	<p>Outcome sought</p>	<p>RAG score</p>	<p>Status update</p>	<p>Key Milestones ahead</p>

<p>Work with Glasgow City Council, the Home Office, the accommodation providers and other key partners in the city to manage the impacts of dispersal on asylum seekers and local communities.</p> <p>Work with the Home Office to ensure that asylum seekers are well supported the interests of Local Government and local communities are reflected in asylum policy and practice</p>	<p>Asylum dispersal is well planned and resourced and reflects the needs of asylum seekers, Local Government and the communities that we serve.</p> 	Amber	Ongoing	Respond to the UK Government's New Plans for Immigration and subsequent planned changes to asylum policy as it progresses through Parliament and House of Lords
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**Refugee Integration**

Area of activity	Outcome sought	RAG score	Status update	Key Milestones ahead
New Scots Strategy	<p>Local authorities and key partners are supported to ensure effective integration of refugees into local communities</p> 	Green	Ongoing	Delivery of AMIF New Scots project from Dec 2020 – Dec 2022
ESOL provision	Work with Scottish Government, UK Government and Local Authorities to ensure that the provision of ESOL is better	Amber	Ongoing Adult Learning Strategy encompassing ESOL provision.	Adult Learning Strategy to be finalised and published – no date confirmed Work is beginning on an ESOL guidance note to explore partnership approaches to resourcing ESOL provision.

	<p>resourced and coordinated, and to provide ongoing strategic support to councils</p> 		<p>First draft was due to be published mid-March 2021 and open to public consultation. This was delayed and went to the Adult Learning Strategic Forum in mid-May.</p>	<p>Lifelong Learning Strategy – no formal publication date, but expected in 2022-23.</p>
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**Migrant Rights and Entitlements**

Area of activity	Outcome sought	RAG score	Status update	Key Milestones ahead
<p>Work with Scottish Government and partners to develop a consistent approach in supporting migrants in accessing their rights and entitlements.</p>	<p>Local authorities and key partners understand migrants' rights and entitlements and their role in providing support</p> 	Green	Ongoing	<p>Recruitment of additional caseworker to provide advice to migrants with NRPF as part of our pre-existing partnership with the UN Migration Agency (IOM)</p> <p>Update to national guidance on supporting people with No Recourse to Public Funds</p> <p>Launch of online 'webinar' resources and online training/awareness raising event.</p>
<p>Hong Kong BN(O) Visa Route</p>	<p>Support Local Authorities in their integration efforts and provide recent BN(O) arrivals with a Welcome Hub to facilitate their integration in Scotland.</p> 	Green	Ongoing	<p>Develop an online Welcome Hub resource for both BN(O) arrivals in Scotland and Local Authorities looking to support their integration.</p> <p>Create a Sounding Board to inform work going forward in a culturally sensitive manner.</p> <p>Engage in Local Authority outreach work to increase awareness of our IOM caseworker functionality.</p> <p>Establish a data collection and reporting strategy to establish where BN(O) migrants are settling in order to target support effectively.</p>

**Tackling Migrant Destitution**

Area of activity	Outcome sought	RAG score	Status update	Key Milestones ahead
<p>Delivery of the national strategy and policies to reduce destitution for people with NRPF</p> <p>Work with councils, the National NRPF Network, SG and other LGAs to secure policy changes that will help to reduce rates of migrant destitution as well as reduce the impact on Local Government of responding to destitution.</p>	<p>COSLA contributes to and influences national developments to reduce migrant destitution</p> 	Green	Ongoing	<p>Actions are being developed further to the publication of the Ending Destitution Strategy</p> <p>Recruitment of Policy and Participation Officer post to support delivery</p> <p>Work currently underway to publish a recovery framework and to update national guidance</p> <p>Meeting to be held with the Cabinet Secretary on 11 November 2021 – to agree Covid-19 recovery approach and support for adults at risk of rough sleeping</p>
<b>Scotland's Population Strategy</b>				
Area of activity	Outcome sought	RAG score	Status update	Key Milestones ahead
<p>Work with Scottish Government and partners to support the Population Programme and produce a Population Strategy for Scotland</p>	<p>Local authorities have a more strategic and cohesive response to addressing their demographic challenges and have resources which will enable them to respond effectively to population change</p> 	Green	On time	<p>Work with SG re the implementation of the SG Population Strategy, further to its publication in March 2021</p>
<b>Strategic Migration Partnership Board</b>				
Area of activity	Outcome sought	RAG score	Status update	Key Milestones ahead
<p>The SMP Board is chaired by the CWB Spokesperson and meets three times a</p>	<p>Ensure Scotland is a welcoming place for migrants, and support the integration of people in a way that helps address</p>	Amber	<p>Meeting held in April 2021 to discuss Scotland's medium-term migration future in the context of developments such as the</p>	<p>Next meeting TBC with likely focus on human trafficking</p>

<p>year to bring together key stakeholders involved in how migration policy affects Scotland's communities, with each meeting looking in-depth at a key issue in order to provide strategic direction, coordination and risk mitigation.</p>	<p>Scotland's demographic challenges and skills gaps.</p> <p>Ensure the key issues of the moment facing the migration outlook in Scotland are properly debated and explored, with the right stakeholders engaged and with a meaningful space to engage in the substance of the issues.</p> 		<p>publication of the population strategy and the opening of the new Hong Kong BNO route.</p> <p>Due to increased pressure on SMP bandwidth (particularly in relation to workstreams on Hong Kong and Afghanistan) the SMP's meetings have been reorganised to next year.</p>	
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**Poverty, Social Security and Welfare Reform xx**

Area of activity	Outcome sought	RAG score	Status update	Key Milestones ahead
<p>Scottish Government's Tackling Child Poverty Fund invests in LG to support low income parents into work and support those in work but on low income to progress.</p>	 <p>Fewer low income parents out of work and in low wage employment.</p>	<p>Amber</p>	<p>Scope and funding has been expanded / boosted with an additional focus on households with a disabled parent, and to promote opportunities in the expansion of Early Learning and Childcare employment sector.</p> <p>Initial and boosted funding packages agreed for the Parental Employment Support Fund and local authorities planning services and support by utilising a key worker approach.</p> <p>Given continuing pandemic lockdown restrictions, and extended business and employee schemes in place, funding spend has been</p>	<p>The PfG is intended to have an impact in this area</p>

			constrained and discussion on additional flexibilities is underway with SG.	
Armed Forces Covenant	<p>Promotion of Armed Forces Covenant to prevent disadvantage for Armed Forces families.</p> 	Amber	<p>COSLA to respond to Armed Forces Covenant Legislation and draft guidance that will place a duty on councils to meet the Covenant expectations.</p>	<p>Provide response to legislation and keep watching brief. COSLA provided oral and written evidence to Westminster Parliament on 16 March. COSLA participated in Firm Base Annual Conference on 17 March. COSLA/MOD to arrange a consultation session in December, 2021 for councils with MOD on Draft Statutory Guidance.</p>
Addressing Gambling Harm	<p>Reduction in gambling harm and related community problems.</p> 	Amber	<p>COSLA/Solace to facilitate a seminars with 4 councils that have put themselves forward to participate in a gambling harm/compliance pilots.</p> <p>This involves developing proposed pilots for LAs to address gambling harm and promote better compliance, in line with the provisions of the Gambling Act (2005).</p>	<p>Seminars were held on 7 Sept and 2 November facilitated by COSLA/SOLACE involving the Gambling Commission, Citizens' Advice Scotland (CAS) and the four councils that have put themselves forward to participate in the pilots.</p> <p>A full update on the pilots will be provided at the Board meeting on 12 November.</p>
Fuel Poverty	<p>Ensure local efforts to tackle fuel poverty continue in order to support individuals, families and communities.</p> 	Amber	<p>The Fuel Poverty Advisory Group and Fuel Poverty Advisory Panel were both established following Fuel Poverty legislation. These groups have been paused currently.</p> <p>A Winter Heating Benefits Stakeholder Reference Group has recently been established which COSLA attends.</p>	Ongoing

<p>Devolved benefits</p>	<p>Support the effective delivery of devolved benefits and ensure integration with local services to best support claimants.</p> 	<p>Green</p>	<p>Key engagement areas are around Local Government's ongoing delivery of delivery of the 'Bridging' element of the Scottish Child Payment and the development and delivery of Disabled and Ill Health Benefits through 2021 and 2022.</p> <p>Official/political and financial approval now obtained for the Child Disability Payment, (CDP) national rollout.</p> <p>Engaging with SG regarding its plans for Adult Disability Payment, (ADP) national rollout.</p>	<p>Local Government delivering the Scottish Child (Bridging) Payments by making an additional payment in autumn and increasing the winter payment in financial year 2021/22 and making four payments of £130 through financial year 2022/23 on the same eligibility previously applied.</p> <p>Following SDG and COSLA Leaders approval of funding, CDP national rollout will commence on 21 November 2021. This will see Councils stand up 'Front Door' teams to administer a supporting information process which will facilitate an information transfer between Local Government professionals and Social Security Scotland Case Managers.</p> <p>The national rollout of ADP is due to get underway Spring 2022. COSLA officers continuing to work with SG, LAs and Digital Office to scope data-sharing requirement for ADP as well as statutory passported welfare/benefits/reliefs.</p>
<p>Scottish Welfare Fund</p>	<p>To ensure that SWF functions are able to operate effectively and meet rising demands to mitigate crisis and maximise support for those most in need.</p> 	<p>Amber</p>	<p>Agreement with SG on need for a full SWF review. Discussion begun on scope and approach. Officers seeking CWB agreement re COSLA position on SWF Review Board Advisory Group membership.</p>	<p>SWF Budget commitment made in PFG. Funding proposals for 2022/23 appear to be maintaining current levels of funding but require clarification and if required to be taken through COSLA governance. The year-long review of SWF scheme is scheduled to commence in December 2021. Subject to CWB report, COSLA Officers proposing to lobby Social Security Directorate for SWF Review Advisory Board to include additional COSLA Local Government Finance and same from either SOLACE or DoF.</p>
<p>Self -Isolation Support Grant (SISG)</p>	<p>To support councils working on the rapid introduction and roll out of the SISG which intends to assist those facing financial hardship following a request to self isolate to stop the spread of the virus</p>	<p>Amber</p>	<p>Changes to SISG eligibility made on 13 October 2021 now resulting in decreased demand, allowing Councils to clear backlogs. Officers continuing to work with SG and NSS colleagues to maintain effective administration arrangements.</p>	<p>SISG is has been extended for an unspecified period. Potential for COP26 to result in higher case numbers and therefore increased demand on SISG administration in months following Glasgow's hosting of the climate change event.</p>

				
Affordable Credit	To work with LG to spotlight and promote good practice to ensure that those most in need and commonly denied access to mainstream borrowing are able to borrow from ethical, lower cost lenders.			
Universal Basic Income	To keep aware of developments and propositions and progress on pilot activity		To follow up on an invite to the national steering group to present to the Board on progress and next steps.	Further commitments in both the 100 days program and the PfG, but for work on Minimal Income Guarantee initially
Minimum Income Guarantee	To support the national Steering Group for Minimum Income Guarantee	green	COSLA represented on the Steering Group for Minimum Income Guarantee, co-chaired by Russel Gunson (IPPR) and Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government. Cllr Parry attending as an observer for the Strategic Steering Group. Wendy Hearty will attend the Expert Group as a full member.	First meeting of the Steering Group met Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> August, with joint Strategic and Expert Groups. Terms of Reference and membership agreed. Future meeting dates to be agreed, along with a workplan with priority areas for expert sub-groups.
Debt Advice Partnership Framework	To work with Scottish Government / Improvement Service to establish appetite for and potential content of a national agreement covering standards, local planning and funding	green	In consultation with partners over the establishment of an officer group to start working on the content of this approach	Group to start work in 2021-22 with intention of engaging with various interested parties during the development of the work.
Children's Funerals and Local Authority charges	To work with LG to ensure that charges are transparent and	Green	COSLA and LG to consider Scottish Government proposal on sustaining and evolving no-	Evaluation and consultation on present arrangements concluded in 2020.

	<p>well communicated, and take cognisance of SG guidance.</p> <p>To work with Scottish Government to sustain and evolve a no-charge approach to child burials and cremations.</p>		<p>charge children's funerals, to specific add provision for still births.</p> <p>Policy and resources agreed to see renewal and expansion of policy and resource to support no-charge children's burials and cremations</p>	<p>New funding and approach agreed for implementation from 1 April 2021.</p> <p>Joint SG and LG Communications on policy expansion and resourcing of new commitments during March 2021.</p>
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**Sport, Culture and Leisure -**

<b>Under Development</b>	<b>Outcome sought</b>	<b>RAG score</b>	<b>Status update</b>	<b>Key Milestones ahead</b>
<i>Sport</i>	<p>Ensure a safe and sustainable re-opening and re-starting of facilities and activity and that the sector is sustainable and 'future proofed'.</p> 		<p>COSLA is working with national partners on cross policy and communications work to outline and showcase the importance of this sector to Scotland's health, wellbeing and the economy. A further update on this work and sportscotland's Strategic Forum was presented to the CWB in March.</p> <p>Cllr Parry and James Fowlie now represent COSLA on the Active Scotland Delivery Group chaired by the Minister for Public Health and Sport.</p> <p>Officers represent COSLA on the Active Scotland Development Group, which reports to the Delivery Group.</p>	Under Review

<p><i>Culture &amp; Arts</i></p>	<p>Ensure a safe and sustainable re-opening and re-starting of facilities and activity and that the sector is sustainable and 'future proofed'.</p> 		<p>Culture Conveners met with Ms Hyslop on 2<sup>nd</sup> March for a discussion on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current state of municipal culture</li> <li>• Summary of LG and SG outcomes and progress from Culture Strategy</li> <li>• Broad, joint areas of work between LG and SG.</li> </ul> <p>COSLA has established a group of national partners that, currently, meet monthly to network, strategize and collaborate on the sustainable re-opening and future of the sector. Partners involved in this forum are – Museums Galleries Scotland, Scottish Library and Information Council, SOLACE, VoCAL, Community Leisure UK (Scotland) and Creative Scotland.</p>	<p>Under Review</p>
<p><i>Libraries - To be Developed Further</i></p>	<p>Outcome sought</p>	<p>RAG score</p>	<p>Status update</p>	<p>Key Milestones ahead</p>
<p><i>Libraries</i></p>				<p>Under Review</p>