

22 March 2024

COSLA Conference Centre, Verity House, Edinburgh

Programme

Time	Session
9:00am	Registration and Marketplace Viewing
9:30am	Opening Remarks by Councillor Shona Morrison, President of COSLA
9:40am	<i>Partnership and Leadership at the Heart of Change</i> John Carnochan OBE QPM FFPH LLD
10:10am	Q&A with John Carnochan hosted by Councillor Shona Morrison, President of COSLA
10:20am	<i>Two Years In – How We Are Doing. Mid Term Report</i> Councillor Steven Heddle, Vice President of COSLA
10:25am	<i>Empowering Local Councils: Advancing Gender Equality</i> Councillor Maureen Chalmers, Community Wellbeing Spokesperson Talat Yaqoob and Anna Ritchie Allan, Co-Chairs, National Advisory Council on Women and Girls
10:55am	Refreshment and Marketplace Viewing
11:35am	<i>Working towards a Net Zero, Wellbeing Economy - the key role of Councils</i> Councillor Gail Macgregor, Environment and Economy Spokesperson George Tarvit, Director of the Sustainable Scotland Network
12:00pm	<i>Working with and challenging Government on your behalf: a spotlight on some of the most recent threats to Local Government and the approach COSLA have taken</i> In conversation with: COSLA Vice President and COSLA Spokespersons Councillor Katie Hagmann, Resources Councillor Paul Kelly, Health and Social Care Councillor Tony Buchanan, Children and Young People
12:30pm	Close of Conference Recess, Lunch and Marketplace Viewing
1:00pm	Political Pre-Meetings
2:00pm	COSLA Convention
3.30pm	Close of Convention