**Board Minutes for Brexit Topics**

**Children & Young People Board Minutes**

**08-06-18:**

**4.** **EU Settlement Scheme – Children and Young People**

The Board was provided with a report which informed Members that COSLA had been working with the Home Office on the EU Settlement Scheme. The Home Office was designing a system to give EU citizens who were already living in the UK ‘settled status’. COSLA was working with the Home Office and Scottish Government to identify and address as many barriers to applying as possible.

The Board:

1. noted the barriers for children and young people who might wish to apply for settled status; and
2. agreed to identify any cohorts of vulnerable young people who might have difficulty accessing or require support to access the scheme.

**Community-Wellbeing Board Minutes**

**9-9-16**

* 1. **EU Referendum**

The Executive Group received a report which invited members tonote and comment on a recent report to the COSLA Leaders’ Meeting in August.

The Executive Group:

1. noted the Leaders’ report attached at Appendix 1 of the report and oral update provided at the meeting;
2. provided comment noting the listing of the issues of importance to councils; and
3. noted these would be fed into the approach to be taken by COSLA politically and at an officer level.

**04-05-18**

***Migration & Rights***

1. **Brexit: The Settlement Process and Engagement with EU Citizens**
2. **COSLA Update**

The Board considered a report which informed members of recent COSLA activity relating to the settlement process and engagement with EU citizens.

The Board:

1. noted and supported COSLA’s current and planned work with local authorities and ministers on engaging EU citizens in our communities;
2. noted the key concerns raised by EU citizens during the regional engagement events;
3. noted COSLA’s work with the Home Office regarding the EU settlement scheme and agreed to the continuation of this work;
4. noted and discussed the Home Office presentation on the settlement scheme; and
5. agreed and supported COSLA’s planned partnership work with the European Commission.
6. **Presentation from the Home Office**

The Board received a verbal presentation from Mark Doran, Deputy Director for EU Exit Immigration Strategy, on the EU Settlement Scheme. He highlighted that main task of the Home Office was to now begin communicating with EU citizens about what they would need to do. An awareness raising campaign was about to commence to facilitate this.

The Board noted the content of the presentation and agreed to be kept informed of any developments.

**Environment and Economy Board Minutes**

**16-9-16**

1. **EU Funds Post Referendum**

The Executive Group received a report which provided an update on the impact on existing EU funds allocated to Scotland following the EU referendum and anticipated likely trends on the future EU negotiations.

There was a wide-ranging discussion with a number of points of view put across which COSLA officers agreed to pick up.

The Executive Group:

1. agreed that COSLA officers and political leadership continue seeking appropriate reassurances from ministers and the EU about existing funds;
2. noted that COSLA’s President was seeking to ensure that COSLA was embedded in negotiations for a new UK or Scottish EU funding settlement so that, regardless of the outcome of negotiations on funds, Councils remained eligible for funding for regeneration, economic development and employability; and
3. noted the report and the oral update given at the meeting on latest developments.

**9-12-16**

**EU Referendum**

The Executive Group was provided with a report which outlined the latest developments following the results of the EU referendum on the matters relevant for this Executive Group.

The Executive Group:

1. considered the implications of the latest ‘Brexit’ developments;
2. noted the initial engagement by COSLA at ministerial and officer level;
3. encouraged Councils to provide more detailed input to the ‘Brexit’ impact paper already circulated to all councils; and
4. agreed to encourage Council services to identify and made available officer expertise that could support COSLA engagement in formulating the Scottish and UK negotiating positions.

**EU Policy Update**

The Executive Group considered a report which provided an update on the EU lobbying work carried out by the COSLA Brussels team on the issues agreed by this Executive Group and also updated members about the recently tabled EU Legislative Work Programme 2017.

The Executive Group:

1. noted the recent developments on COSLA EU lobbying priorities, and
2. agreed the updated list of EU Priorities relevant for this Executive Group on the basis of the European Commission Work Programme for 2017.

**17-2-17**

1. **‘Brexit’ and EU Update**

The Executive Group considered a report which provided an update on matters relevant to the Executive Group’s remit on the latest proposal for the Brexit negotiations and ongoing EU work carried out by the COSLA European function.

During discussion, it was agreed to circulate recent Leaders papers on Brexit to the Executive Group for information.

The Executive Group:

1. noted the developments at domestic and EU level on Brexit and EU dossiers;
2. considered and agreed key lines over the ‘Brexit’ negotiations;
3. considered and noted a range of options for Councils engagement post ‘Brexit’; and
4. agreed that the recent Brexit reports considered by Leaders be circulated to the Executive Group for information.

**23-10-17**

1. **UK’s Exit from the European Union**

The Board considered a report which invited views on key negotiating principles around the replacement of EU funding, and opting into some EU cooperation programmes, once the UK had withdrawn from the EU.

The meeting was advised that COSLA’s Presidential Team had met with Michel Barnier, European Chief Negotiator for Brexit prior to the start of this meeting which had been a positive step in ensuring local government’s voice was being heard.

During discussion, the importance of NUTS 2 to the south of Scotland was emphasised and this could not be lost post Brexit. In response, it was noted that COSLA was lobbying to maintain as much of the current structure as possible. It was also clarified that the final funding year was expected to be 2023 but there was no formal clarification of this yet.

The Board:

1. agreed the key principles for Local Government lobbying on forthcoming consultations and for the closure of existing EU funding programmes and their eventual replacement by domestic funding arrangements;
2. agreed the key principles for discussions with Scottish, UK and EU institutions on the possible opt into some EU cooperation programmes open to local authorities;
3. referred these decisions to Leaders for their endorsement;
4. noted the potential impact of the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill on matters relevant to this Board; and
5. noted the meeting with Department of Exiting the European Union Ministers on 13 September and further discussions with Scottish and UK civil servants.

**20-4-18**

1. **UK’s Exit from the European Union: Policy, Funding and International Engagement after Exit**

The Board considered a report which provided an assessment of the recent UK-EU withdrawal agreements on the issues that were part of the remit of this Board and, building on the discussion from last December provided a scope of the future engagement opportunities post Brexit.

In response to questions about various EU funding streams, it was noted that SLAED had prepared a comprehensive briefing which would be shared with members for information.

The Board:

1. noted the update on the UK-EU withdrawal process and on environmental policy and legislation;
2. highlighted other issues which members wished to raise to COSLA’s attention on our work on the UK’s exit; and
3. discuss and agreed there was support for developing a shared local government strategy for engagement with voluntary international commitments such as the Covenant of Mayor, Under2 MoU, Bonn Registry, NAZCA Platform as well as international bodies dealing with sustainable economic development.

**15-6-18**

1. **Fisheries Policy after the UK’s Exit from the EU**

The Board received a report which advised Members that the UK Government was due to leave the EU in March 2019. The report invited a discussion on the implications for Local Authorities of changes to fishing policy after the UK leaves the EU. Simon Collins, Executive Officer for the Shetland Fisherman’s Association, joined the meeting for discussion on this item.

Members welcomed the report and highlighted the importance of COSLA taking the lead on this policy. The opportunities for coastal communities were acknowledged and was worth exploring as part of the future regional partnership discussions.

The Board discussed the report and agreed COSLA developed a policy position.

**Resources**

**8-9-16**

1. **EU Funds Post Referendum**

The Executive Group considered a report which provided an update on the impact on existing EU funds allocated to Scotland and other EU legislative issues following the EU referendum and anticipated likely trends on the future EU negotiations.

During discussion, given the importance and the uncertainty surrounding this issue, it was requested that this be a standing item on the Group’s agenda for the foreseeable future, which was agreed.

The Executive Group:

1. agreed that COSLA officers and political leadership continue to seek appropriate reassurances from ministers and the EU about existing funds; and
2. requested that COSLA was embedded in negotiations for a new UK or Scottish EU funding settlement, so that, regardless of the outcome of negotiations, Councils remained eligible for funding for regeneration, economic development; and employability as well as on the status of existing EU legal and financial obligations; and
3. agreed that this issue be a standing item on the Executive Group’s agenda for the foreseeable future.