

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL7 September 2022Report by Director of Business Operations and PartnershipsAPPOINTMENTS TO COSLA BOARDS**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To appoint representatives of the Council to serve on COSLA's Boards.

**RECOMMENDATION**

2. That the Council consider the nomination of representatives on the 4 COSLA Policy Boards.

**REPORT**

3. In terms of the COSLA Constitution, the Council is entitled to be represented on each of COSLA's 4 Boards. The Boards are:-

- Health and Social Care
- Children and Young People
- Environment and Economy
- Community Wellbeing

5. The remit and terms of reference for each of the 4 Boards is attached.
6. As the COSLA spokesperson for Children and Young People, Councillor Buchanan is the Chair of the Children and Young People Board.
7. Prior to the elections, the Council's representatives on the Boards were as follows:-

<b>Board</b>	<b>Representative</b>
Health and Social Care	Councillor Bamforth
Children and Young People	Councillor Lafferty
Environment and Economy	Councillor Cunningham
Community Wellbeing	Councillor Merrick

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Background papers

## Board Remit and Terms of Reference

### CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE POLICY BOARD

#### Remit

The Board's remit relates to children and young people, including

- Education
- Early Learning and Childcare
- Additional Support Needs
- Inclusive Education
- Education Reform
- Learning Estate
- Educational Attainment
- Free School Meal entitlement
- The Promise, Secure Care
- Continuation of Care
- Children's Hearing System
- Sibling Separation, Kinship Care
- Youth Justice
- Child Protection
- Family Support
- Financial Redress
- Joint Investigative Interviewing
- Equally Safe
- Mental Health
- Child Poverty
- Workforce – Education and Social Work

#### Key Responsibilities

The Board has responsibility for discharging the following functions:

To develop and shape policy in relation to its remit, in ways which uphold the Association's principles of: a) Strengthening Local Democracy; b) Working Together Locally; c) Delivering Outcomes; d) Focusing on Communities; and e) Defending Local Choices.

In relation to its remit, to be a channel of communication between individual Member Councils and the Association, to support Member Councils through the identification, discussion, and resolution of mutual issues (including legislative or other proposals), the building of consensus to develop joint policy and strategy, and the agreement of joint lobbying positions, and future steps.

To take forward work that delivers the strategic priorities set by the Association including campaigns, research, improvement support, public statements, and other steps as appropriate.

To work with the Association's Resources Spokesperson to scrutinise and address the financial, human, and other resource implications for Local Government associated with its terms of reference, making recommendations to the Leaders' Meeting as appropriate.

To involve Members, Member Councils, and other appropriate stakeholders in the delivery of its work through a varied mix of events, presentations of advice and evidence, networks, debate, and other means of engagement.

To draw on the expertise of key advisors from the sector, including SOLACE and other local government professional associations. Professional advisers attending meetings will not have voting rights.

To contribute to reforms, efficiencies, and improvements in the delivery of local services, and identify and share good practice and ideas to stimulate innovation and improvement.

To provide a mandate to the Spokesperson in their interactions with Ministers and legislatures and hold them accountable in progressing the Association's policy positions.

To develop and maintain a programme of work to prioritise and deliver their remit, linking with other boards where appropriate. This work plan should include, where appropriate, how the Board will contribute to the Association's overall priorities as agreed by Convention. The Board will report to Leaders' Meetings on relevant matters arising from their work plan, including any issues with significant political and budgetary implications.

To recommend to the Leadership Sounding Board the establishment of Special Interest Groups, with such terms of reference as Leadership Sounding Board may determine.

To consider workforce and funding issues relevant to its remit.

## **COMMUNITY WELLBEING POLICY BOARD**

### Remit

The Board's remit relates to community wellbeing, including

- Community Empowerment and Engagement
- Community Safety and Resilience
- Consumer Protection
- Culture including libraries
- Employability
- Housing & Homelessness
- Human Rights, Equalities and Violence against Women and Girls
- Justice (community and criminal)
- Migration & Population Policies, Refugee & Asylum Seeker support & settlement Issues
- Poverty, Social Security and Welfare Reform
- Sports
- Veterans / Armed forces

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## ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY POLICY BOARD

### Remit

The Board's remit relates to the environment and the economy, including

- Digital Connectivity
- Climate Change
- Heat and Energy
- Economy
- Europe, International & Post Brexit
- UN Biodiversity Declaration/Nature Based Solutions
- Planning, Place and Regeneration
- Transport and Flooding
- Waste and the Circular Economy

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- Charging Policies for Social Care
- Health and Social Care Reform
- Mental health
- Older People's Care and Support/ NCHC and Care Home Provision
- Public Health and Health Inequalities
- Social Care Workforce
- Care and Well Being Programme
- Supporting Carers
- Digital and Data

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