

Appendix 2: Agreed SSCB work programme

Proposed SSCB work programme 2022/23
<i>Counter-terrorism, counter-extremism and cohesion</i>
Continue to lobby Government on the importance of retaining investment in measures to prevent extremism and build resilience
Deliver a programme of support to councils on tackling extremism through the Special Interest Group on Countering Extremism, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A series of roundtables and webinars for practitioners to share emerging challenges and facilitate support • Case studies and guidance on tackling extremism and hate (such as antisemitism, Islamophobia) to capture good practice • Facilitating academic support to councils on tackling extremism
Provide training for elected members on delivering the Prevent duty, tackling extremism and building cohesion
Lobby around the Online Safety and draft Protect Duty Bills, and the CONTEST strategy and hate crime action plan reviews, to ensure they reflect sector views.
<i>Community safety</i>
Publish updated council guidance and maturity matrix and develop a further round of awareness raising events on modern slavery
Influence the development of the Modern Slavery Bill and help support the implementation of the new modern slavery strategy
Continue to support councils on the implementation of their domestic abuse duty (outlined in Part 4 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021)
Lobby on the draft Victims Bill as it passes through Parliament, and provide support to local authorities on any proposed new duties.

Support councils with the implementation of the forthcoming serious violence duty and Offensive Weapons Homicide Reviews, outlined in the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022.
Continue to hold best practice sessions on tackling anti-social behaviour, and support 2023 ASB Awareness Week.
Provide good practice case studies on community safety issues, such as VAWG, domestic abuse, serious violence – to help support councils with the forthcoming duties.
Engage with the Home Office and partners on tackling serious and organised crime – continue working with the APCC on any joint work related to the Government’s SOC strategy.
Respond to the Government’s forthcoming Community Safety Partnership review and ensure local government views are fed-in throughout each stage of the process.
Work with the Department for Health and Social Care on the implementation of the 10 year Drug Strategy, and provide support on the implementation of proposed drug partnership arrangements.
Continue engaging with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities on the Travellers Site Fund – making the case for increased funding to help councils improve current transit sites.
<i>Blue light services and civil resilience</i>
Respond to the Fire Reform White Paper and the outcome of inquiries such as those into the Grenfell Tower fire and the attack at Manchester Arena.
Respond to the publication of the national resilience strategy and help shape future pilots and activities on local resilience work
Support members and officers to strengthen council activity on resilience, including approaches to community resilience
<i>Licensing and regulation</i>
Respond to the Gambling Act Review White Paper and update the LGA’s guidance on gambling harms, working with the APCC on joint local work on this issue.

Continue to make the case for localisation of alcohol licence fees.
Work with the Department for Transport on taxi licensing reform and with DLUHC on pavement licensing provisions in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill.
Work with the LGA workforce team and professional bodies to make the case for dedicated support to boost regulatory services capacity and the professional pipeline
Support councils by sharing best practice on a range of issues involving fees and charges, structures and reorganisation
Hold two further leadership essentials in licensing courses
<i>Crematoria, coroners and registrars</i>
Respond to press and related media work related to the death management processes including crematoria and registrars' service.
Conduct further research into the provision of public health funerals
<i>Voluntary and community sector</i>
Influence the development of the Community Spaces and Relationship Strategy currently being drafted by DHLUC
Deliver a programme of support for councils to improve community engagement practices and partnership working with the voluntary and community sector