

Appendix 1 - Proposed SSCB work programme 2023/24

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| Community safety |
| <i>Domestic abuse/Violence against women and girls</i> |
| Continue to support councils on the implementation of their domestic abuse duty (outlined in Part 4 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021) through stakeholder engagement to strengthen relationships between councils and their partners. |
| Organise a series of workshops and webinars including: Children’s commissioner (DLUHC); In-house services/needs assessment (DLUHC); Quality standards (DLUHC) Migrant victims (Home office). |
| Pursue a joint survey of Domestic Homicide Reviews with the Commissioner’s office and a meeting for councils in autumn 2023, with the aim of producing a detailed position paper which could be submitted to a consultation on statutory guidance. |
| <i>ASB</i> : Work with DLUHC and Home Office officials to support various strands of the Community Safety Partnership Review and implementation of the new ASB action plan as they relate to councils. |
| <i>Serious Violence</i> : Continue to support councils to implement the new duty, outlined in the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022. Influence the planned Victims and Prisoner’s Bill duty for councils and local partners to collaborate on commissioning support services for victims. |
| <i>Reducing Vulnerability</i> : Organise regular council Serious Violence Duty workshops; stakeholder engagement, including the Home Office’s working and oversight groups; lobbying the MoJ on the Victim’s Bill and further council workshops and stakeholder engagement in relation to the Victim’s Bill. |
| <i>Serious organised crime</i> : Continue to 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. Continue to attend the steering group on SOC, and support the development of updated guidance on tackling SOC for local partnerships. |
| <i>Modern Slavery</i> : Continue to run quarterly meetings of the modern slavery network for council officers and provide support and guidance to councils on issues which may arise over the course of the year, such as the rise in modern slavery cases in the care sector. Develop a short piece of guidance outlining why some councils work on modern slavery, and some modern slavery partnerships, are more mature than others. |
| Continue calling on Government to bring forward a Modern Slavery Bill to clarify in domestic law and the support victims of modern slavery are entitled to, as well as for dedicated funding to support victims of modern slavery. |
| <i>Sector-led Improvement</i> : Provide good practice case studies on community safety issues. |

Drugs and substance misuse: Seek to close the gap in understanding around Combatting Drugs Partnerships, and undertake research on what communities would want to see to help tackle drug use and subsequent crime.

Counter-terrorism, counter-extremism and cohesion

Continue to lobby Government on the importance of retaining investment in measures to prevent extremism and build resilience.

Support councils to implement changes to Prevent duty delivery.

Deliver a programme of support to councils on tackling extremism through the Special Interest Group on Countering Extremism.

Provide training for elected members on delivering the Prevent duty, tackling extremism and building cohesion.

Lobby around the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill, the Online Safety Bill, Levelling Up Bill and other national initiatives as appropriate to ensure they reflect sector views.

Continue to work with Dame Sara's team and DLUHC as the outcomes of this, and any wider central work on integration, are developed.

Blue light services and civil resilience

Respond to the Government's White Paper proposals around people, professionalism and governance.

Continue to respond to issues around culture within the fire sector, working jointly with other organisations.

Highlight issues around climate change effecting the fire and rescue service, working jointly across the LGA

Support the annual world drowning prevention day campaign and continue to raise awareness of water safety issues.

Exploring the needs of our members in strengthening Local Resilience Forums.

Support and help shape pilots on local resilience work.

Support members and officers to strengthen council activity on resilience, including approaches to community resilience.

Licensing and regulation

Monitor developments with the Gambling Act Review White Paper. Launch our updated [guidance on taking a whole council approach to tackling gambling related harms](#). Update the LGA's councillor handbook on the Gambling Act.

Respond to the consultation on transferring control of taxi and PHV licensing to both combined and upper-tier authorities and maintain engagement with the DfT on this issue.

Continue to make the case for the localisation of alcohol licence fees and press for progress following the Home Office's fee survey to councils earlier in 2023.

Lobby Government around the new cosmetic procedures licensing regime, to ensure action is taken to address staff shortages that exist within regulatory services, that training and new burdens funding is issued to councils, and to

ensure that Government takes a holistic and comprehensive approach to implementing this regime.

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

Continue to lobby Government around proposals to alter the existing central provision of digital licensing forms to ensure an outcome that does not leave councils with an additional burden.

Hold one licensing leadership essentials course per year and deliver the annual licensing conference.

Crematoria, coroners and registrars

Respond to the Law Commission review “A Modern Framework for Disposing of the Dead”.

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.

Voluntary and community sector

Deliver a programme of support for councils to improve community engagement practices and partnership working with the voluntary and community sector, including a playbook for local commissioning and procurement teams and a good practice guide for councils.