

# Joint letter from the Minister for Public Finance and COSLA to the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, 20 March 2026

## Local Governance Review Publications

Dear Convener,

We are pleased to inform you that the Scottish Government and COSLA have jointly published key documents regarding the Local Governance Review. These include:

- a [joint statement](#) which outlines progress made in supporting local governance reform and sets out future shared priorities
- an [update on the development of Single Authority Models and next steps](#)
- a [Route Map for Reform of Community Decision-Making](#) based on Democracy Matters engagement.

These publications outline priorities for enhancing community, local and regional decision-making as part of public service reform.

We thank the committee for their interest as this work has developed over the course of this parliament and welcome their continued engagement as we look to take this work forward.

Yours sincerely,

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**Cllr Shona Morrison**, COSLA President