



CLD Standards Council Scotland & COSLA Partnership Agreement

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This paper sets out the Partnership Agreement between CLD Standards Council Scotland (the CLDSC) and COSLA on cooperation and communication which ensures the availability of local authority staff who are CLDSC members to participate in CLDSC Committee business and the delivery of training on CLD services.

2. Objective of the Partnership Agreement

- 2.1. The agreement recognises the importance of the work of the CLDSC through the release of CLDSC members employed by COSLA member local authorities, representing Employers, to undertake the functions of the CLDSC.
- 2.2. The purpose of the agreement is to ensure that the two organisations acknowledge each other's respective roles and functions. Collaboration between the CLDSC and COSLA, representing employers, is needed to ensure mutually agreed priorities on the promotion of inclusive community development, lifelong learning, schools and the welfare of all people, especially those with protected characteristics.

This Partnership Agreement

- Does not affect existing statutory function or amends any other policies or agreements relating to the activities of COSLA or the CLDSC;
 - ensures that time away from local authority duties to attend CLDSC committee business is a mutually agreed process between the CLDSC member and their employer. The employer should not incur additional costs during the absence of a CLDSC member and the number of days to which attendance has to be committed, should be notified in advance of any mutual agreement for release on CLDSC business;
 - notes that the CLDSC members may seek agreement of no more than 10 days of release (an exception may be made in the case of CLDSC chairs and vice-chairs, to provide additional days release, subject to mutual agreement);
 - notes the CLDSC may cover reasonable travel and subsistence costs for members on CLDSC committee business
 - agrees that the CLDSC deliver as part of this agreement, training on matters relevant to CLD services to local authorities, where training is sought and can be delivered within capacity at time of request.
- 2.3. Both parties recognise that there will, on occasion, be exceptional circumstances where the release of an individual CLDSC member from the workplace would cause significant service delivery problems and that in such exceptional circumstances, the employer and the CLDSC will discuss and agree how the requirements of both parties may best be resolved.

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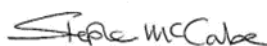
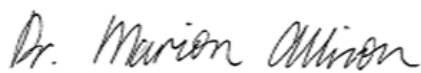
3. Co-operation and communication

- 3.1. Subject to statutory and other constraints, partnership working between COSLA and the CLDSC will be characterised by appropriate on-going formal and informal contact, correspondence and meetings. The arrangements will be kept under review by agreed contact points and others with relevant responsibilities at COSLA and the CLDSC.
- 3.2. It is understood by COSLA and the CLDSC that statutory and other constraints on the exchange of information will be fully respected, including the requirements of the Data Protection Act 2018, the Human Rights Act 1998 and relevant Freedom of Information Legislation.

Monitoring and Review of the Partnership Agreement

- 3.3. This Partnership Agreement will be reviewed annually (if required) by both organisations by mutual agreement.
- 3.4. This Partnership Agreement and working relationships, will also be reviewed if necessary, following any pertinent changes to legislation, policies, procedures and structures of the parties concerned.

Signed:



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