

<b>Title of report</b>	Convener's Report
<b>Public/Confidential</b>	Public
<b>Summary/purpose of report</b>	Update on Convener's activity since the last full Council meeting on 28 February 2022.
<b>Recommendations</b>	The Council is asked to note the summary of recent key issues and activities from the viewpoint of the Convener.
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<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Lorraine Gray, Chief Executive
<b>Link to Strategic Plan</b>	<p>The information in this report links to:</p> <p>Outcome 1: People who use services are protected by ensuring the regulated workforce is fit to practise.</p> <p>Outcome 2: The SSSC supports and enhances the development of the registered workforce to deliver high standards of practice and drive improvement.</p> <p>Outcome 3: Our workforce planning activities support employers, commissioners and policy makers to deliver a sustainable, integrated and innovative workforce.</p> <p>Outcome 4: The social work, social care and early years workforce is recognised as professional and regulated and valued for the difference it makes to people's lives.</p>
<b>Link to Risk Register</b>	<p>Risk 1: We fail to ensure that our system of regulation meets the needs of people who use services and workers.</p> <p>Risk 2: We fail to ensure that our workforce development function supports the workforce and employers to achieve the rights standards and qualifications to gain and maintain registration.</p> <p>Risk 3: We fail to meet corporate governance, external scrutiny and legal obligations.</p>

	<p>Risk 4: We fail to provide value to stakeholders and demonstrate our impact.</p> <p>Risk 5: We fail to develop and support SSSC staff appropriately to ensure we have a motivated and skilled workforce to achieve our strategic outcomes.</p> <p>Risk 6: The SSSC fails to secure sufficient budget resources to fulfil the financial plans required to deliver the strategic plan.</p> <p>Risk 7: Business Continuity Plans (BCP) are in place and tested</p> <p>Risk 8: We fail to have the appropriate measures in place to protect against cyber security attacks.</p>
<b>Impact assessments</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) was not required.</li> <li>2. A Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) was not required.</li> <li>3. A Sustainability Impact Assessment (SIA) was not required.</li> </ol>
<b>Documents attached</b>	None
<b>Background papers</b>	None

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. This report summarises the activity of the Convener from 28 February to date.

## **INTRODUCTION**

2. This meeting will be the first face to face meeting since the start of the Covid Pandemic and I'm looking forward to meeting up with colleagues again. This report covers the period from my last report for the meeting of 28 February 2022. There was a Council meeting on 25 March 2022 but this was dedicated to approving the budget for 2022/23 with no other items on the public agenda.

## **MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AGENCIES**

3. As an ex-officio member of the board of the Care Inspectorate I attended two board meetings during this period; on 10 March 2022 a Board Development Event focused on performance reporting, looking at how reports best met the needs of the Board as well as Officers and the public. The second meeting was on 22 March 2022 and this was a public Board meeting with a wide range of reports, including performance monitoring, budget, staffing update and the Corporate Parenting plan.
4. I also had a meeting with the chair of NHS Education Scotland, David Garbutt, on 12 April 2022, to discuss the partnership between our two organisations, not having met together for some time. It was agreed that once further detail was published regarding the plans for the National Care Service we should reconvene the joint meetings with a refreshed agenda.

## **MEETINGS WITH THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT**

5. I have continued to have regular meetings with Iona Colvin, the Chief Social Work Adviser and my key link with our Sponsor. These have been helpful as always, particularly as we await publication of the Scottish Government's detailed plans for the National Care Service. In the meantime, work continues apace within the SSSC to look at our future budget planning and workforce, which clearly may be impacted by the NCS plans in due course. The SSSC focus on delivering high quality services whilst delivering efficiency savings has been appreciated given the possibility of future changes, yet to be detailed.

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

6. I still await the recruitment of a new Member to take up post in September this year. In my last report I mentioned that Russell Pettigrew, has decided not to seek a second term of membership and his tenure ends on 31 August 2022. I should also mention that Paul Edie, Chair of the

Care Inspectorate, will complete his term at the end of August too and so later in the year we will have two new Members.

7. There is now an agreed schedule of Council Member Development Sessions for the rest of this year, covering a wide range of topics. The annual Away Day has been brought forward from January 2023 to 28 and 29 November 2022, which is a less busy time for officers planning for the sessions and hopefully the weather will be more agreeable for travelling.
8. Finally, I attended a virtual workshop on Social Work regulation on 14 March 2022, at which the SSSC was represented by our Chief Executive Lorraine Gray. This looked at regulation issues impacting regulators across the UK and provided food for thought about common issues impacting on social workers regardless of their employment context.