

# SCOTTISH COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

## WRITTEN SUBMISSION

### Summary

- **Can we open-up the budget setting-process?** An open budget process could bring new ideas to the table, and ensure that priorities for spending reflect the needs of people and communities.
- **Collaboration and community approaches** should be encouraged, not just in regards to the new Integrated Care Fund and the Local Energy Innovation Challenge Fund, but across all areas where the third sector contributes.
- **Tackling inequalities of any form must be the overarching driver of all budgeting decisions.** We welcome the commitment made to this in the budget, but wish to see this as a clearer driver for budgeting decisions in all departments.

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