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Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

100 DAY COMMITMENT - INVITING VIEWS ON MINIMUM INCOME GUARANTEE

Purpose

1. Redacted under Section 29 (1) of FOISA.

Priority

2. Redacted under Section 29 (1) of FOISA

Background

3. At meetings on 1 and 16 July, you indicated that you were content for officials to seek initial ideas against key questions, using online vehicles, and then move to a discussion and consultation on the ideas that had been generated, and this further engagement, including with the public and experts by experience would be overseen by the Steering Group.

Proposal

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Recommendation

- 14 **You are asked to agree:**

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09 August 2021

Copy List:	For Action	For Comments	For Information		
			Portfolio Interest	Constit Interest	General Awareness
Minister for Social Security and Local Government Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy Minister for Just Transition, Employment and Fair Work		x			x x x x

DG Communities
Office of the Chief Social Policy Adviser
Director for Housing and Social Justice
Director for Social Security
Director for Fair Work, Employability and Skills
Director for Housing and Social Justice
DD, Social Security Policy
DD, Programme Management and Delivery
DD, Agency Implementation
DD, Communities Analysis Division
Chief Digital Officer
DD, Social Security and Reserved Benefits Division
DD, SGLD – Local Government and Economy
DD, Social Security Scotland - Policy and Client Experience
DD, Social Security Scotland – Operations
DD, Social Security Scotland – Finance and Corporate Services
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FIRST 100 DAYS (18 MAY – 25 AUG)

<p>In our first 100 days we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invite all groups and organisations supportive of a Minimum Income Guarantee to start planning how this can be delivered.• Establish a Steering Group, inviting cross party representation, to progress the delivery of a Scottish Minimum Income Guarantee.	
Delivery date/planned delivery date:	17 August 2021
What were the key actions taken to complete this commitment?	<p>On 17 August the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government co-chaired the first meeting of a new Minimum Income Guarantee (MIG) steering group that will drive forward this ambitious policy, with the aim of reducing poverty, inequality and insecurity. The other co-chair is Russell Gunson, Director of IPPR Scotland.</p> <p>The steering group includes both expert and cross-party representation and will consider how a Minimum Income Guarantee should be designed and delivered in Scotland.</p> <p>On the same day, the Scottish Government also launched a discussion space on the Dialogue Platform to gather views and ideas on how establishing a Minimum Income Guarantee should work for Scotland.</p>
Statistics or key facts:	<p>The Minimum Income Guarantee Steering Group held its first meeting on 17 August, and will run for at least two years.</p> <p>The primary purpose of the MIG Steering Group is to define a MIG for Scotland and to identify and prioritise action for further development and testing. The Group will operate during the course of this Parliament to support the delivery of a MIG within current devolved powers. The MIG Steering Group may also consider what further powers may be sought in order to build on that action in the longer term.</p> <p>The Dialogue Platform soliciting views for on a Minimum Income Guarantee will close on 16 September, and its findings will be used by the Steering Group to inform their future work.</p>
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Name and telephone of policy contact on hand during the debate:	Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) of FOISA

MIG 100 Day Commitments write up

Following the election earlier this year, the Scottish Government committed to introducing a Minimum Income Guarantee for Scotland. This is a new and ambitious policy aimed at reducing poverty and inequality through a combination of employment, tax relief and social security benefits and also through access to universal services such as childcare and transport. The manifesto pledged to consider what could be done to introduce this policy using existing powers.

The First Steps paper committed us to inviting views from a variety of interested stakeholders for their thoughts and opinions on how this should be done as well as establishing a steering group, including cross party representation, to plan for how a Minimum Income Guarantee can be delivered. On 17 August we met both of these commitments, with the establishment of the [Minimum Income Guarantee Steering Group](#) and the opening of a [Dialogue Platform](#) calling for views on this policy.

This is a bold and innovative policy, that cuts across a significant number of active areas within the Scottish Government. Progressing the policy will require close and constructive cooperation with internal and external stakeholders and we invite you to contact Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b) of FOISA and Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b) of FOISA if you have any questions regarding the path forward for a Minimum Income Guarantee.

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Scotland is taking its first steps towards establishing a Minimum Income Guarantee, helping ensure everyone in Scotland can live healthy, financially secure and fulfilling lives

- On 17 August Social Justice Secretary Shona Robison co-chaired the first meeting of a new steering group that will drive forward this ambitious policy, with the aim of reducing poverty, inequality and insecurity. The other co-chair is Russell Gunson, Director of IPPR Scotland.
- The steering group includes both expert and cross-party representation and will consider how a Minimum Income Guarantee should be designed and delivered in Scotland.
- The Scottish Government has also launched a discussion space on the Dialogue Platform to gather views and ideas on how establishing a Minimum Income Guarantee should work for Scotland.

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MINIMUM INCOME GUARANTEE STEERING GROUP – MEETING 1 Redacted under Section 29 (1) of FOISA	
TIMING	<p>13:00 – 15:00, Tuesday, 17 August 2021. Meeting will take place virtually via Microsoft Teams</p>
ATTENDEES	<p>Shona Robison MSP – Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Russell Gunson – Director for the Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR) Scotland</p> <p>Maggie Chapman MSP - Green Party Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP - Labour Party James Parry - Liberal Democrats</p> <p>Fiona Collie - Carers Scotland Gerry McCartney – CBI Steering Group Wendy Hearty - CoSLA Ed Pybus - Child Poverty Action Group Barry McCulloch – Federation of Small Businesses Tressa Burke - Glasgow Disability Alliance Chris Birt - Joseph Rowntree Foundation Neil Cowan - Poverty Alliance Bill Scott - Poverty and Inequality Commission Eirann McAuley - Scottish Trade Unions Congress Mubin Haq - Standard Life Foundation</p> <p>The following attendees will attend the meeting in an observer capacity, by agreement of the Expert Group chair</p> <p>Rachel Statham – IPPR Councillor Kelly Parry – CoSLA Elaine Moir – Scottish Government Dawn Abell – Scottish Government</p> <p>The following Scottish Government officials will be attending to provide secretariat support</p> <p>Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) of FOISA</p> <p>The following people give apologies for not being able to attend</p> <p>Miles Briggs MSP - Conservative Party</p>

ANNEXES

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**Discussion points for meeting between Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice,
Housing and Local Government and Russell Gunson**

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From: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b) of FOISA
Sent: 13 August 2021 13:45
To: Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing & Local Government <CabSecSJHLG@gov.scot>
Cc: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b) of FOISA
Subject: RE: Review required 28 July: Draft MIG Steering Group Remit and invite letter templates

Thanks Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b) of FOISA, I really appreciate it!

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From: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b) of FOISA **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing & Local Government
Sent: 13 August 2021 13:44
To: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b) of FOISA
Subject: RE: Review required 28 July: Draft MIG Steering Group Remit and invite letter templates

Hi Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b) of FOISA

I hope you are well too.

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Many thanks,
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From: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b) of FOISA
Sent: 13 August 2021 13:18
To: Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing & Local Government <CabSecSJHLG@gov.scot>
Cc: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b) of FOISA
Subject: RE: Review required 28 July: Draft MIG Steering Group Remit and invite letter templates

Hi Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b) of FOISA

I hope that you're well.

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Thanks,

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From: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b) of FOISA **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing & Local Government
Sent: 09 August 2021 14:00
To: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b) of FOISA
Cc: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b) of FOISA
Subject: RE: Review required 28 July: Draft MIG Steering Group Remit and invite letter templates

Hi Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b) of FOISA

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Kind regards,
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From Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b) of FOISA
Sent: 09 August 2021 08:46
To: Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing & Local Government <CabSecSJHLG@gov.scot>
Cc: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b) of FOISA
Subject: RE: Review required 28 July: Draft MIG Steering Group Remit and invite letter templates

Hi Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b) of FOISA

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Thanks,

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From: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b) of FOISA

Sent: 11 August 2021 11:09

To: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b) of FOISA

Cc: Kerr S (Stephen) (Social Security Director) <Stephen.Kerr@gov.scot Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b) of FOISA ; Baron-Broadhurst L (Lisa) <Lisa.Baron-broadhurst@gov.scot>; Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b) of FOISA; Byrne A (Alison) <Alison.Byrne@gov.scot>; Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b) of FOISA; Richardson J (Janet) (SSD) <Janet.Richardson@socialsecurity.gov.scot>; Wallace J (James) <James.Wallace@socialsecurity.gov.scot>; Wallace D (David) <David.Wallace@socialsecurity.gov.scot>; Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b) of FOISA

Subject: RE: Policy advice - draft news release for Minimum Income Guarantee

Hi Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b) of FOISA

Many thanks for this. From the MIG policy team perspective we are content with this, and have just two suggestions / additions.

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I confirm that the dialogue platform will also be going live to coincide with this and that we will be able to provide you with the link soon.

Best wishes

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From: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b) of FOISA

Sent: 11 August 2021 10:33

To: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b) of FOISA

Cc: Kerr S (Stephen) (Social Security Director) <Stephen.Kerr@gov.scot>; Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b) of FOISA ; Baron-Broadhurst L (Lisa) <Lisa.Baron-broadhurst@gov.scot> Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b) of FOISA; Byrne A (Alison) <Alison.Byrne@gov.scot>; Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b) of FOISA; Richardson J (Janet) (SSD) <Janet.Richardson@socialsecurity.gov.scot>; Wallace J (James) <James.Wallace@socialsecurity.gov.scot>; Wallace D (David) <David.Wallace@socialsecurity.gov.scot>; Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b) of FOISA

Subject: Policy advice - draft news release for Minimum Income Guarantee

Colleagues

Please find below a draft news release on Minimum Income Guarantee we plan to issue ahead of the first meeting of the steering group on Tuesday.

Grateful for policy input/comments. I've included a link in the background notes to the recent IPPR Scotland report on MIG to acknowledge Russell Gunson's involvement as co-chair. Happy to be advised.

Kind regards

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Embargoed until Tuesday 17 August 2021 at 00.01 hours

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From: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b)
Sent: 16 August 2021 09:40
To: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b)
Cc: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b)
Subject: RE: MIG Dialogue - now live

Hi Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b)

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From: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b)
Sent: 16 August 2021 09:29
To: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b)
Cc: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b)
Subject: MIG Dialogue - now live

Hi all

Thanks for this outline Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b)

Now that 'Minimum Income Guarantee – share your views' is now live, please promote it using this public url: [Minimum Income Guarantee - share your views — Scottish Government Dialogue \(ideas.gov.scot\)](https://ideas.gov.scot/minimum-income-guarantee-share-your-views)

Use this instead of the test site url we sent previously.

You can begin to moderate, following the moderators [guidance](#) provided. Any questions or if you're unsure about any comments or ideas, just let us know. We'll check in on it regularly too.

Good luck!

Thanks,
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From: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b)
Sent: 13 August 2021 11:48
To: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b)
Cc: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b)
Subject: RE: MIG Dialogue - required info

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From: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b)
Sent: 12 August 2021 16:40
To: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b)
Cc: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b)
Subject: RE: MIG Dialogue - required info

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From: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b)
Sent: 12 August 2021 16:27
To: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b)
Cc: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b)
Subject: RE: MIG Dialogue - required info

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From: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b)
Sent: 12 August 2021 16:06
To: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b)
Cc: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b)
Subject: RE: MIG Dialogue - required info

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From: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b)
Sent: 12 August 2021 15:08
To: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b)
Cc: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b)
Subject: RE: MIG Dialogue - required info

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From: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b)
Sent: 11 August 2021 17:01
To: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b)
Cc: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b)
Subject: FW: MIG Dialogue - required info

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From: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b)
Sent: 11 August 2021 12:25
To: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b)
Cc: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b)
Subject: MIG Dialogue - required info

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From: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b)
Sent: 11 August 2021 10:22
To: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b)
Cc: Redacted under Section 38 (1)(b)
Subject: Latest text for MIG dialogue platform

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From: Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)
Sent: 17 August 2021 10:55
To: Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)
Subject: RE: Draft mail shots

Hi Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)

I have some suggested additions to the internal list.

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Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) – Mental Health
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Thanks

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From: Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)
Sent: 17 August 2021 10:41
To: Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)
Subject: RE: Draft mail shots

Good catch, will add employment and remove Ian!

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From: Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)
Sent: 17 August 2021 10:10
To: Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)
Subject: RE: Draft mail shots

Hi Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)

Thanks. On the internal one, are employment colleagues copied in? Also, I don't think you need to copy in Ian.

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Sent: 17 August 2021 09:31
To: Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)
Subject: Draft mail shots

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