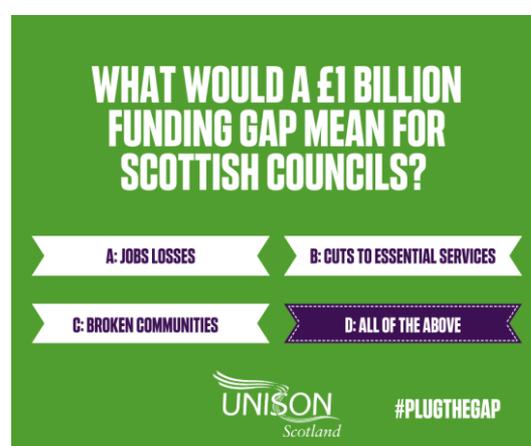




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Our new campaign to protect council services and those who deliver them



Local government in Scotland has suffered more than a decade of cuts and is now under severe financial strain as a result of the pandemic, with increased demand for services and a substantial loss of income. The Scottish government must fund local councils properly to keep communities safe and rebuild the country following the pandemic. We have launched a campaign, #PlugTheGap, to call on the Scottish government to find additional resources for Scotland's councils to avoid devastating harm to services that have already suffered ten years of budget cuts. Watch our campaign videos [here](#).

[Join UNISON Scotland Question Time event on 12 November](#)

A discussion panel looking at the current state of Local Government finances and UNISON Scotland's #PlugTheGap Campaign

Public Health Scotland report into care homes, UNISON's response

Watchout for our NHS Pay Up Now demo Thurs 5th Nov
Scottish Parliament (& online)

No Going Back To Normal

PICK OF THE MEDIA

31/10/20 scotsman.com

New statistics released by Police Scotland are described as **“alarming” but “not a surprise” to the union’s members. Police Scotland clearly have a long way to go in attaining gender balance particularly in senior roles.** Gillian Bannatyne, regional organiser for police staff at UNISON Scotland.

31/10/20 glasgowtimes.co.uk

'Save Our Services': Unions call on politicians to demand more money for Glasgow.

31/10/20 tuc.org.uk

Disabled workers earning a fifth less than non-disabled peers - TUC analysis reveals.

30/10/20 Morningstaronline.co.uk

Abortion rights are under attack in Poland **but women are fighting back**

**Coronavirus:
your rights at
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UNISON members in Scotland who need advice during Coronavirus



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