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FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

LOCAL COUNCILS WILL HELP THE NATION TO HEAL DIVIDE AND REGAIN TRUST

The importance of working closely and alongside the local councils featured prominently in Mr Chris Fearne press conference of this morning, whilst he unveiled his ten priorities for the country if he were to take over the helm of the current administration.

The Local Councils' Association has noted with pleasure, that its four main pillars of its Vision2024 launched last October with the aim of improving the quality of life in its localities for its residents, have been included in Mr Fearne's top ten priorities. **Sustainable Mobility, Green Environment, Open Urban Spaces and Smart Cities** are the four main pillars that were put forward by the Association as the guiding principles for the next four years of local government administration. The Association will be publishing a number of guideline documents related to this Vision and in coordination with a number of stakeholders for discussion and adoption.

Especially in such difficult moments, Councils have a shared obligation, to bring this nation back together, to work for better quality of life in a respectful, inclusive, safe and democratic nation where residents want to live, and work and businesses want to invest in. As this year ends, we look forward to continuing to work towards a future of healthy, attractive and vibrant localities to provide the current and future generations beautiful spaces to live, work and relax in. This is key to ensure long term sustainable economic growth.

'Councils are uniquely placed to be the unifying voice for a large number of NGO's, voluntary organizations, local businesses and residents who all have our nation at heart who together with this government will bring the change needed to heal and unify our people and regain trust' Mario Fava, the president of the Association said.