

**Finance Committee**  
**Community Justice (Scotland) Bill**  
**Submission from Angus Council**

**Response**

**Consultation**

**1. Did you take part in any consultation exercise preceding the Bill and, if so, did you comment on the financial assumptions made?**

Yes.

**2. If applicable, do you believe your comments on the financial assumptions have been accurately reflected in the FM?**

Yes.

**3. Did you have sufficient time to contribute to the consultation exercise?**

Yes.

**Costs**

**4. If the Bill has any financial implications for your organisation, do you believe that they have been accurately reflected in the FM? If not, please provide details.**

While the Bill allows for additional financial support in regard to transition costs it makes little comment on ongoing costs other than to say that there will be 'resource implications' and that this "should be accommodated within their existing responsibilities". This seems vague and while we accept it is not possible to anticipate every cost there is little to suggest that ongoing costs have been given due consideration.

**5. Do you consider that the estimated costs and savings set out in the FM are reasonable and accurate?**

The costs for the establishment of the new organisation appear fair.

**6. If applicable, are you content that your organisation can meet any financial costs that it might incur as a result of the Bill? If not, how do you think these costs should be met?**

It is not possible to answer this question given that we are unaware of what level of s27 grant will be awarded over the next few years.

**7. Does the FM accurately reflect the margins of uncertainty associated with the Bill's estimated costs and with the timescales over which they would be expected to arise?**

As stated above the Bill seems vague when considering implications for local authorities; however, in regard to other matters it gives an accurate reflection.

### **Wider Issues**

**8. Do you believe that the FM reasonably captures any costs associated with the Bill? If not, which other costs might be incurred and by whom?**

As noted above, beyond transitional costs there does not appear to be any effort to consider potential ongoing costs for local authorities.

**9. Do you believe that there may be future costs associated with the Bill, for example through subordinate legislation? If so, is it possible to quantify these costs?**

Given the power allocated to the new body there may be further costs associated with commissioning, regulation and monitoring.