Finance Committee
Alcohol (Licensing, Public Health and Criminal Justice) (Scotland) Bill
Submission from Fife Council Alcohol and Drugs Partnership

Consultation

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

Fife Alcohol & Drug Partnership did not take part in any consultation preceding the bill.

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

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

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.

The general costs and savings outlined appear to have been accurately reflected in the assumptions made in the FM.

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

- These costs and savings appear reasonable and accurate, based on similar evidence and methodologies that are applied to the impact of alcohol related harm.
- The organisation delivering the Fixed Penalty Scheme in Fife was consulted in the preparation of the FM and appear to have submitted accurate costings for the local scheme

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?

Fife Alcohol & Drug Partnership would be able to meet the financial implications of the introduction of the fixed penalty diversion scheme within the overall grant funding provided to Fife Alcohol Support Service.
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?**

Yes the FM accurately reflects the margins of uncertainty associated with the Bill’s estimated costs.

**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?**

Yes the FM reasonably captures any costs associated with the Bill.

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?**

The Bill does appear to be fairly comprehensive in its provisions any subordinate legislation would probably be relatively minor in its cost implications.