

Community Justice (Scotland) Bill

Submission from Police Scotland

Response

Safer Communities Division Opinion

Consultation, Costs and Wider issues

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

There have been a number of consultation exercises in relation to this Bill dating back to 2012. Police Scotland and legacy forces preceding the formation of Police Scotland took part in the consultation.

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.

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 guidance of the implementation of the Bill remains a work in progress. To date no specific additional costs falling on Police Scotland have been identified. It is expected that Community Justice will become an important part of the wider community planning processes at local level and Police Scotland will contribute with appropriate levels of engagement in the associated planning, implementation and performance monitoring and improvement processes.

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

In so far as can be ascertained at this time. Yes.