Finance Committee

Alcohol (Licensing, Public Health and Criminal Justice) (Scotland) Bill

Submission from South Lanarkshire 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?

No.

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

N/A.

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.

Yes.

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

Can only comment in relation to alcohol licensing side as above.

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?

There would be costs attributable with regard to container marking. These costs would require to be met from licensing income and therefore there would need to be a facility to recoup any expenditure via increased licence fees.
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?

N/A.

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?

N/A.

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?

No.