

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MARRIAGE AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP (SCOTLAND) BILL FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

SUBMISSION FROM GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL

Did you take part in either of the Scottish Government consultation exercises which preceded the Bill and, if so, did you comment on the financial assumptions made?

1. A response was submitted in March.

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

2. In preparation for the proposed change we have a transitional arrangement in place where by existing Licences are renewed with a nil fee, Grant (New) Applications still pay the fee.

3. The fee charged is a very small part of the overall income to the Licensing Service and a very small part of the Council's overall income.

4. Changes proposed through the Bill would require additional training for Registrars but advice and guidance would be available from the National Records of Scotland so we do not foresee any additional costs to the council.

5. Once the change has been implemented then it would allow Registrars to be on an equal footing to other ceremony officiates. It would mean therefore that Registrars would be able to conduct ceremonies at a wider range of venues than those currently on offer.