

Justice Committee

Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill

Written submission from Community Justice Authorities

1.0 Scotland's Community Justice Authorities welcome the opportunity to submit written evidence on a supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill.

1.1 CJA Conveners and Chief Officers have considered the proposed legislative Consent memorandum at a recent joint meeting. Given the timescale it has not been possible to provide a full response. I am pleased however to report that the CJAs fully support the principle that the Legislative Consent Memorandum procedures should be used in respect of the provisions on forced marriages:

1. the criminalisation of forced marriage;
2. the enforcement of civil protection orders relating to sexual offenders; and
3. the functions of Scottish Ministers in relation to firearms offences.

1.2 If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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On behalf of the 8 Community Justice Authorities
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