FINANCE COMMITTEE CALL FOR EVIDENCE

DEFECTIVE AND DANGEROUS BUILDINGS (RECOVERY OF EXPENSES) (SCOTLAND) BILL: FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

SUBMISSION FROM ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL

Consultation
Questions 1-3
1. Not applicable as Aberdeenshire Council was not involved in the initial consultation exercise which preceded the Bill.

Costs
Question 4
2. Yes, we are of the opinion that reasonable assumptions and forecasting have been considered to facilitate debt recovery implications.

Question 5
3. Yes, whenever the Bill achieves formal legislative approval, a more robust and practicable cost recovery mechanism will be in place. It is anticipated that an increased amount of Notices will be served in conjunction with costs incurred.

Question 6
4. Yes, we are reasonably satisfied that financial costs for the setting up and administering charging orders can be met.

Question 7
5. It is anticipated that timescales and estimates are a fair reflection from the data available at this juncture, however the future relating to the extent of charging orders issued is unknown, and therefore additional costs may arise.

Wider Issues
Question 8
6. Yes - we understand that the Financial Memorandum would appear to be reasonable in terms of future cost capture.

Question 9
7. There may be an unknown underlying costs relating to future amendments to legislation affecting the contents of the Bill which cannot be quantified meantime.