Consultation

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. East Dunbartonshire Council has responded to a number of consultations in relation to the Housing Bill. However the Council has not so far responded to financial assumptions within the Bill.

Do you believe your comments on the financial assumptions have been accurately reflected in the FM?

2. Please see above – not so far.

Did you have sufficient time to contribute to the consultation exercise?

3. The Council contributed extensively on the Housing Bill proposals, and we feel that we had sufficient time to comment on the consultations. Tenants remain dissatisfied with the removal of introductory tenancies from the Bill though.

Costs

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?

4. At a time of great financial pressure and efficiency savings any legislative implications and most of the changes outlined will have workload and therefore financial implications. Where policies such as allocations policies have to be reviewed, changed and consulted upon this will have financial implications which cannot be regarded as negligible. It is welcomed that estimated costs and long term projections of implications are outlined in the consultation.

Do you consider that the estimated costs and savings set out in the FM and projected over 15 years for each service are reasonable and accurate?

5. Unable to comment as do not have the resources to analyse future workloads that far ahead. The information outlined appears reasonable but comments regarding negligible costs do not appear to be accurate.

If relevant, are you content that your organisation can meet the financial costs associated with the Bill which your organisation will incur? If not, how do you think these costs should be met?

6. Unsure if future financial costs can be met and unable to estimate what the costs may be.
Does the FM accurately reflect the margins of uncertainty associated with the estimates and the timescales over which such costs would be expected to arise?

7. Unable to estimate the impact of the legislation proposed.

Wider Issues
Do you believe that the FM reasonably captures costs associated with the Bill? If not, which other costs might be incurred and by whom?

8. Housing staff and legal staff involved with Right to Buy applications are likely to encounter a surge of applications (many may not proceed but loss of right will increase enquiries and applications). The legislation will also incur workload pressures and financial costs that will be more difficult to absorb and cannot be regarded as negligible when legislation is enacted.

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?

9. Yes but unable to quantify.