Glasgow City Council response to The Scottish Parliament’s Finance Committee’s request for views on the financial implications of the Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Bill

The Finance Committee has invited comment on the Bill which has now been drafted. The Bill includes provision for a mandatory (as opposed to discretionary) FAI when there is a death in secure accommodation – though not in any other residential establishment for children. The information provided by the finance committee states that there has been no death of a child in secure accommodation in the past five years, and that an FAI would usually be held on a discretionary basis for any deaths of children in secure accommodation under the current legislation, unless the bereaved relatives were strongly opposed. It is therefore thought that having this as a mandatory category could result in no more than an additional one or two FAIs every few years.

The finance committee has invited comments on the financial implications of implementing the Bill if it becomes law as currently framed.

On the basis of the information provided it does not appear that there is likely to be any additional cost to the Council that would not be incurred even if the law were not changed in this way.

Glasgow City Council therefore has no further comments on the financial implications of the Bill if enacted.