Consultation

Did you take part in any consultation exercise preceding the Bill and, if so, did you comment on the financial assumptions made?

1. We have taken part in previous consultations but have not specifically made comments on the financial assumptions made.

If applicable, do you believe your comments on the financial assumptions have been accurately reflected in the FM?

2. Yes

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

3. Yes

Costs

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

4. Existing Administration Funding provided to the authority is approximately one quarter of the actual cost incurred. Although funding for 2014/15 is yet to be confirmed it looks as if it will remain at or below 2013/14 levels. This will result in an additional financial cost to the authority.

Do you consider that the estimated costs and savings set out in the FM are reasonable and accurate?

5. No comments raised.

If applicable, are you content that your organisation can meet any financial costs that it might incur as a result of the Bill? If not, how do you think these costs should be met?

6. The authority has met the shortfall costs of Administration Funding for 2013/14 and 2014/15 through the submission of growth bids. If funding remains at the same, or lower, levels these costs will remain an additional cost burden on the local authority.

Does the FM accurately reflect the margins of uncertainty associated with the Bill’s estimated costs and with the timescales over which they would be expected to arise?

7. No comments raised.

Wider Issues

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

8. No comments raised.
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. No comments raised.