SUBMISSION FROM SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

Call for Evidence – Questions and Responses

1. **What is your view on the purpose of the Bill and broadly, are you supportive of it?**

   **Response**
   Any write off of Council Debts should be left to individual Councils and based on ability to collect. Any proposals otherwise could set precedents for non payment in the future.

2. **Do you have any views on the level of the financial settlement that is proposed in connection with the Bill?**

   **Response**
   The financial settlement does not reflect cases where informal/sporadic payments are being made, therefore there is still a level of income for some local authorities which is not being compensated for.

3. **Does the settlement figure accurately reflect the total community charge debt that would be recoverable by local authorities, given the operation of the law of prescription?**

   **Response**
   As noted above, this does not reflect where informal arrangements are in place.

4. **The Scottish Government considers that, beyond the financial settlement that will be provided to affected local authorities, the Bill will have no financial implications (costs or savings) for the Scottish Administration, local authorities, other bodies, individuals or businesses. What is your view of this assessment?**

   **Response**
   Other than the potential loss of income in relation to informal payment arrangements noted above we would not anticipate any further costs (or savings) as a result of the bill.