FINANCE COMMITTEE CALL FOR EVIDENCE

DISABLED PERSON’S PARKING BADGES (SCOTLAND) BILL: FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

SUBMISSION FROM SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL

Did you take part in the consultation exercise which preceded the Bill and, if so, did you comment on the financial assumptions made?
1. No

Do you believe your comments on the financial assumptions have been accurately reflected in the FM?
2. N/A

Did you have sufficient time to contribute to the consultation exercise?
3. N/A

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

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

If relevant, are you content that your organisation can meet the financial costs associated with the Bill which it will incur? If not how do you think these costs should be met?
6. Yes, The implications of the Bill will be minor for Shetland Islands Council and will be accommodated within planned developments in service provision that is taking place anyway.

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. Yes

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. Yes

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?
10. Possibly. At the moment we get occasional anecdotal reports of abuse of Blue Badges but complainants are never prepared to submit details. If, as a consequence of this Bill, there is an increase in public expectation that inspection and enforcement
will be carried out then it may require additional resources. We see this as up to £26,000 per annum if a dedicated enforcement officer is required.