Consultation

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

2. If applicable, do you believe your comments on the financial assumptions have been accurately reflected in the FM?
   The financial cost per day is reasonable based on our feedback however the officer time required to implement the policy is significantly lower than North Ayrshire Council had indicated and as such the financial assumption is much lower than North Ayrshire Council would anticipate needing to implement the Bill.

3. Did you have sufficient time to contribute to the consultation exercise?
   Yes

Costs

4. 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.
   All elements of the financial implications have been reflected in the FM, however North Ayrshire Council considers the estimate on the level of resource required to be lower than it anticipates.

5. Do you consider that the estimated costs and savings set out in the FM are reasonable and accurate?
   The financial cost per day for the familiarisation and ongoing cost is reasonable however the officer time required to implement the policy is significantly lower than North Ayrshire Council had indicated and as such the financial assumption is much lower than North Ayrshire Council would anticipate needing to implement the Bill.

6. 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?
   The financial implications are likely to be greater than set out in the FM. North Ayrshire believe the Scottish Government should make sufficient financial provision for the cost of implementation.
7. 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?

No. North Ayrshire Council believes that the potential scope for raised expectations in our island communities as a result of the Bill will have been underestimated, and consequently the margins of uncertainty have been underestimated.

Wider Issues

8. 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?

North Ayrshire Council believes that the FM captures the costs associated with the Bill but consider them to be underestimated in terms of resources required.

9. 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?

North Ayrshire Council is not aware of any future costs directly associated with the Bill but, based on the above responses, there will be requirements for increased engagement and consultation in all policy areas, leading to increased officer time and travel for liaison and development officers of island issues.