A/West Lothian Council
Children and Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill

Consultation

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

No. There was no opportunity for the council to take part in any consultation exercise preceding this Bill.

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

This is not applicable as there was no opportunity for the council to take part in any consultation exercise preceding this Bill.

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

This is not applicable as there was no opportunity for the council to take part in any consultation exercise preceding this Bill.

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.

The costs outlined in the financial memorandum in relation to local authorities appear reasonable.

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

Yes the estimated costs set out in the FM are reasonable in relation to local authorities.

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?

Yes the council can meet the financial costs anticipated as a result of the Bill providing funding is provided by the Scottish Government to cover the backfilling for training of local authority staff costs in 2018/19, as set out in table 1 of the financial memorandum. The council considers that the Scottish Government should as a matter of principle, commit to fully funding the cost of legislative changes.
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 material risk of additional costs as they relate to one off training.

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?

Yes the FM reasonably captures costs. The council considers that the Scottish Government should as a matter of principle, commit to fully funding the cost of legislative changes.

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?

No material risk of additional costs as they relate to one off training.