SUBMISSION FROM DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COUNCIL

This questionnaire is being sent to those organisations that have an interest in, or which may be affected by the Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill FM

In addition to the questions below, please add any other comments you may have which would assist the Committee’s scrutiny of the FM.

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, did take part, no did not comment on financial assumptions

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

N/A

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.

Implication would be that over time there are potential savings with 5-year term lengths, no other financial implications were identified.

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

Yes

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

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?

Yes
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

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?

*If changes are made to ballot ordering this would have implications in time taken to arrange and carry out the “draw” for ordering and staff costs to check ballot papers. At this time not possible to quantify until arrangements in force.*