Q1 Yes, I agree. I am in favour of decision-making being more decentralised to Local Government, as is normal in other European countries. It is helpful therefore to ensure that actions by the Scottish Government should be required to support the Charter.

Q2 Yes, I support Section 3. It is important for reporting to the Scottish Parliament to be built in, to ensure accountability to the Parliament, and to help to ensure decisions are not drifting away from the Charter principles.

Q3 Yes, I agree with Section 4, 5 and 6. It seems sensible that a court can ‘send an issue back’ to the Scottish Government to be resolved so that it becomes compatible with the Charter.

Q4 I think I agree with this, but am not quite sure I understand it fully.

Q5 I think it should become law as quickly as is possible, recognising there will be some time needed for administrative and procedural requirements. I would hope this would be weeks rather than months or years.

I'm not sure it will have any significant financial implications. It should be more about a change of mindset for the Scottish Government’s Ministers and officials, I hope.

I hope there would have no adverse effect at all on equalities or human rights, and indeed could have some advantages for both of these. (For example, more decisions being made locally with local knowledge of important local issues.)