

Hi Kevin

Thank you for your invitation to make a submission to the SD Committee in relation to the Pensions Bill. Unfortunately due to our need to prioritise our activity around local government reform at the moment, we can't send a formal written submission to you, but I would be grateful if you could ensure that the Committee notes that the main implication of the Bill for local government will be an uplift in the National Insurance contribution, adding approximately 3% to the salaries and wages bill for councils. This is an additional issue to be considered by the district rate, in the current dynamic environment for councils and council finances arising from rates convergence and transfer finance issues.

Regards

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