Questionnaire to Scottish local authorities on impact of welfare reforms on 2014/15 and 2015/16 spending plans and resources

As part of our scrutiny of local government budgets the Local Government and Regeneration Committee is seeking the following information from your council on the financial and resource impact of UK Government welfare reforms, for the period 2012/13 to 2014/15—

- Q1 In what areas of (a) work and (b) costs and resources has the ongoing programme of UK welfare reforms affected your council?
- Q2 What was the level of actual or budgeted crisis grants made by your council in the period 2012/13 to 2014/15? What percentage increase/decrease did this represent over the previous three financial years?
- Q3 What has been the financial and resource implication of the welfare reforms for your social work and housing services in the period 2013/14 to 2014/15? What has been the level of emergency housing applications your council has dealt with in 2013/14? What level do you expect to deal with in 2014/15?
- Q4 What actions has your council taken to coordinate its efforts and responses to the welfare reform changes to ensure the most needy/vulnerable people in you council area receive the support and assistance they require?