

## **Finance & Resources – Budget Proposals (2015-16)**

### **Questions from CVS feedback session 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014**

#### **EIA 46**

1. Is the inclusion of child benefit in assessing income nationally required or discretionary for local authorities? Could we choose not to count it as part of assessing income?
2. What work is already being done with translation services? Could this / will this be increased as a way to improve communication?
3. What were the findings of the recent consultation referenced in the EIA?

#### **EIA 47**

1. How many properties/people are currently affected?
2. It's vital that any services referred to are well linked in, so that they know what support to provide and what legal information is needed – and so that it's clear that they are in a position to provide the right support at that time.
3. Might this proposal mean that private landlords are less likely to spend time making repairs and improvements to their properties, potentially leaving them in an unfinished, or unsuitable state and affecting the most vulnerable families who may be renting them?

#### **EIA 48**

1. How many people so they currently reach/work with?
2. How many of those are not currently accessing any other services?
3. Does the work currently involve actual street work? Going to where people are sleeping rough etc?

#### **EIA 49**

1. Which hours might be reduced? What kinds of times? We need to have a spread of hours, so that the same people are not always affected.

#### **General**

1. Can we use local community newsletters to advertise these (and other) changes?
2. Debt advice and money advice is also needed, not just budgeting: are all of these included in the financial inclusion work?