

## **REIMBURSEMENT OF MEMBERS' EXPENSES SCHEME - APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL EXPENSES**

### **Executive Summary**

1. The SPCB is invited to consider an application to have the costs associated with the translation and production of a BSL video version of a Private Members Bill consultation document on British Sign Language (BSL) met under the provision made at Section 7 paragraph 7.1.1(b) of the Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme.

### **Issues and Options**

2. The Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme makes provision to meet the cost of translation services required for correspondence with members of the public.

3. We have received an application from a Member who is preparing a consultation document in support of his Private Members Bill on British Sign Language. He proposes to supply 500 copies of the consultation document in text form with the associated costs being met from his capped expenses provision. However, he also wishes to provide 50 discs presented by a BSL signer of the document in order to facilitate the widest possible consultation with BSL users.

### **Resource Implications**

4. The costs of producing the discs will be £900 and it is confirmed that there are sufficient funds in the overall expenses budget to meet the costs indicated.

### **Governance**

5. There are no issues.

### **Publication**

6. This paper can be published in accordance with the SPCB's publication scheme.

### **Next steps**

7. To inform the Member of the decision.

### **Decision**

8. The SPCB is invited to consider the application for additional expenses to meet the cost of producing the consultation document in a video format.