

Proposed Licensing of Funfairs (Scotland) Bill

Page 2: About you

Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

an individual

Which of the following best describes you? (If you are a professional or academic, but not in a subject relevant to the consultation, please choose "Member of the public".)

Professional with experience in a relevant subject

Please select the category which best describes your organisation

No Response

Please choose one of the following:

I am content for this response to be attributed to me or my organisation

Please insert your name or the name of your organisation. If you choose the first option above, this should be the name as you wish it to be published. If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

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Please provide details of a way in which we can contact you if there are queries regarding your response. Email is preferred but you can also provide a postal address or phone number. We will not publish these details.

Page 7: Your views on the proposal - Aim and approach

Q1. Which of the following best expresses your view of the proposal to exempt funfairs from Public Entertainment Licensing requirements and to create a distinct new licensing system for funfairs in Scotland?

Fully Supportive

Please explain the reasons for your response

It would bring Scotland in line with the rest of the UK and would encourage more businesses to flourish

Q1. Which of the following best expresses your view of the proposal to exempt funfairs from Public Entertainment Licensing requirements and to create a distinct new licensing system for funfairs in Scotland?

and may also encourage smaller events to take place outside of the major towns and city's bringing more trade into local community and revenue to council rented land

Q2. Could the aims of this proposal be better delivered in another way (without a Bill in the Scottish Parliament)?

Unsure

Please explain the reasons for your response

I do not know if there is a better way unless such a suggestion was made

Q3. What do you think would be the main advantages, if any, of the proposal?

The likelihood of a better choice of fairs for the public and a chance for local councils to gain added revenue by leasing space to smaller fairs or giving the option to hold new fairs to bring visitors into declining areas bringing more revenue to the area and to the businesses therein

Q4. What do you think will be the main disadvantages, if any, of the proposal?

I cannot think of any disadvantages

Q5. What do you think the maximum time available should be for local authorities to make a decision on an application to hold a funfair?

more than 14 days and less than 28 days (please specify)

Please explain the reasons for your response.

I think a maximum of 28 days is sufficient time to take into account any problems and advantages to be foreseen

Q6. How do you think fees should be determined for local authorities to process an application?

fee must not exceed the cost of processing the application

Please explain the reasons for your response, including details of the amount of any suggested fees.

If large fees were added I think it would outweigh any advantages

Q7. What is your view on what should happen to the fee in cases where an application is refused?

Full fee returnable to the applicant

Please explain the reasons for your response

If the fee was not returnable I think the process would be open to abuse by excepting applications that were never going to be accepted

Page 14: Financial implications

Q8. Taking account of both costs and potential savings, what financial impact would you expect the proposed Bill to have on:

	Significant increase in cost	Some increase in cost	Broadly cost-neutral	Some reduction in cost	Significant reduction in cost	Unsure
(a) Showpeople						X
(b) Local authorities			X			
(c) General public				X		

Please explain the reasons for your response

It is by my understanding of the situation that I came to the above conclusion

Page 15: Equalities

Q9. What overall impact is the proposed Bill likely to have on equality, taking account of the following protected characteristics (under the Equality Act 2010): age, disability, gender re-assignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion and belief, sex, sexual orientation?

Neutral (neither positive nor negative)

Please explain the reasons for your response

I do not see how the proposed bill has anything to do with the equality act

Q10. In what ways could any negative impact of the proposed Bill on equality be minimised or avoided?

I do not see how the proposed bill could cause any conflict

Page 17: Sustainability

Q11. Do you consider that the proposed Bill can be delivered sustainably i.e. without having likely future disproportionate economic, social and/or environmental impacts?

Yes

Please explain the reasons for your response:

I see very little change apart from less red tape and less needless workload

Page 18: General

Q12. Do you have any other comments or suggestions on the proposal to exempt funfairs from Public Entertainment Licensing requirements and to create a distinct new licensing system for funfairs in Scotland?

No more comments to add at this moment in time