

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".)

Member of the public

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

Glen McCourtney

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

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Have been a supporter of Snowmen and there family's for a good number of years now.

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

No

Please explain the reasons for your response

It has to go to the top. I needs to be abolished only way it will be done is at parliament.

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

More fairs a better selection of places to host fairs and most importantly the Showmens and there family's will benefit greatly!

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

More at all.

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?

14 days

Please explain the reasons for your response.

2 weeks gives time to the showmen to select a location and get the paper work done and advertising done in a good time.

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.

All fees should be the same across the board it's very unfair to have one price in one place and drive 10 miles to have it £100 or some times more in a different county it needs to be the same!

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

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Full fee returned can't keep the fee if the fair did not go ahead

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

For the Showmen price and costs reduced For the council's it should make a difference as they will find a way to get money another way. For the public they should see some reduced costs all over the country

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

Should change at all

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

Don't change a thing

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?

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Yes

Please explain the reasons for your response:

If they can do it in England well we can do it just as good here.

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?

Yes good luck to every one involved I hope this goes ahead for you all it's about time!