

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

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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

I work in the entertainment industry and the current system is a minefield, very complicated and open to too

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?

much varied interpretation

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

It would need to be something standard that all councils agreed to and all applicants could understand which is difficult to arrange

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

Universal standard, no variation of fees and expectations so should save time and money for all involved

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

Time to implicate and then get the message out to all concerned

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?

less than 14 days (please specify)

Please explain the reasons for your response.

7 days should be plenty of time if there is a standard format poss with the possibility of an extension if a new fair/event/venue/applicant

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.

These events are for the community, yes people make money bit they bring more to the community than they take and the cheaper the council can make it especially in deprived areas the better for all

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

Part of the fee returnable to the applicant

Please explain the reasons for your response

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Or the possibility of making an amended application at a later date say within 6 months

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

The cheaper the licence and associated costs the cheaper the event could be to the public (the council could even ask for max prices to be put in place on the licence thus benefiting the community in return for reduced fees or sponsor the event at min cost to the council bit max community impact and good will)

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 would hope that all applications are taken on individual merit just now so there should be no impact (although one would imagine if anything it would be positive!)

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

No Response

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

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?

Just be careful of the definition of fun fair as that is some if the issue. There should be clear guidance as to what constitutes a fun fair as this has changed over the years and who can apply to run one (shouldn't just be members of the showmans guild, should just be someone who can prove that they are competent to run an event)