

# 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 would like this response to be anonymous (the response may be published, but no name)

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

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**

The inconsistency in timings to process and fees seems unreasonable. I would expect costs to be similar or within a reasonable difference to process such applications no matter what Council. The range of fees in my

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?

view where high look to be income generating route for the council rather than reasonable admin costs. Over all local funfairs boost local communities economically and socially if well run.

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

Unsure

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

Consistency of charges and surety of times to process and reasonable and fair uniform procedures in processing applications.

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

Councils will lose a surpluspotential revenue stream ie if high fees.

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?

28 days

**Please explain the reasons for your response.**

I can see no reason why it should take longer. The more complex health and safety is dealt seperately.

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

single fee fixed in statute

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

Keeps things simple. Gov can liaise with councils to determine a fair and reasonable fee.

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

Unsure

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

This would depend if a fee set in statute was low or high and why? Some councils seemed to charge a couple hundred for multi year. Some 800 for 1 event. If the true cost was low say under 200 then non refundable. If higher then details needed as to why and also an appeal process.

## 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			

## 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)

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?

What do other fee schemes do? Planning etc are there any examples of schemes in place already where fees are fixed and certain times limited. E.g. car MOT or planning or food preo licenses. These could be used as frameworks.

