

Proposed Football (Strict Liability) (Scotland) Bill

Page 2: About you

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

on behalf of an organisation

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".)

No Response

Please select the category which best describes your organisation

Other (e.g. clubs, local groups, groups of individuals, etc.)

Please choose one of the following; if you choose the first option, please provide your name or the name of your organisation as you wish it to be published.

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

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.

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Page 7: Your views on the proposal

Q1. Which of the following best expresses your view of the proposal to introduce strict liability for football clubs in Scotland?

Fully opposed

Please explain the reasons for your response

Strict liability does not necessarily work as is shown by number of clubs who re-offend

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

Yes (if so, please explain below)

Please explain the reasons for your response

By football authorities and clubs working closely together to enforce existing rules and where necessary increase penalties

Q3. What do you think would be the main advantages, if any, of holding clubs responsible for the behaviour of their supporters?

Clubs already responsible for behaviour of supporters and only very small majority of supporters ignore this and any further penalties imposed on clubs would make no difference as is shown with penalties handed out by uefa

Q4. What do you think would be the main disadvantages, if any, of holding clubs responsible for the behaviour of their supporters?

Clubs already responsible for behaviour of supporters

Page 11: Behaviours and sanctions

Q5. If there is to be a system of strict liability, which of the following behaviours do you think should be covered (choose all that apply)--

The throwing of objects

The lighting of fireworks or any other incendiary objects

The use of laser pointers or similar electronic devices

Please explain the reasons for your response

Supporters should not be able to take articles into the ground which could cause injury so clubs should be responsible for stewarding to ensure dangerous articles can be taken into the ground

Q6. If there is to be a system of strict liability, which of the following sanctions do you think should be available (choose all that apply)--

Ban on selling tickets to supporters for away matches

Partial stadium closure (i.e. certain sections of a stadium closed to fans)

Q6. If there is to be a system of strict liability, which of the following sanctions do you think should be available (choose all that apply)--

Please explain the reasons for your response

Punishment should be for fans not clubs as long as club has taken all reasonable action to prevent disorder

Page 13: Financial implications

Q7. 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 costneutral	Some reduction in cost	Significant reduction in cost	Unsure
(a) Football clubs	X					
(b) Football supporters and other individuals			X			

(c) Scottish Government and public sector bodies (such as Police Scotland)

X

Please explain the reasons for your response.

Any financial impact would be on clubs as strict liability would put onus on clubs

Page 14: Equalities

Q8. 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)

Q9. In what ways could any negative impact of the proposed Bill on any of these protected characteristics be minimised or avoided?

This is social problem and not only a football problem

Page 16: Sustainability of the proposal

Q10. Do you consider that the proposed Bill can be delivered sustainably, i.e. without having likely future disproportionate economic, social and/or environmental impacts?

No

Page 17: General

Q11. Do you have any other comments or suggestions on the proposal to introduce strict liability for football clubs in Scotland?

Many of the problems are social problems and cannot be dealt with through football alone but by educating the public generally

