

Proposed Football (Strict Liability) (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; if you choose the first option, please provide your name or the name of your organisation as you wish it to be published.

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

Name or Name of Organisation

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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.

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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

Clubs can not be responsible for individuals What about other sports?

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

Education about conduct and impact on society

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

None it would be a legal nightmare

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

How do you introduce another layer of legislation
What about behaviours at hockey matches for example (I have experience of that)

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)--

Other (please specify)

Please explain the reasons for your response

All of the above should be covered under current law and behaviour impacting society

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

Community action (e.g. education programmes, working with local schools)

Please explain the reasons for your response

As previous education and behaviours should be continually delivered

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.

To implement new legislation requires extra resources

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?

Do not implement bill enshrine standards of behaviour in current law

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

Please explain the reasons for your response.

as previously explained It may also introduce more bad behaviour

Page 17: General

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

There are wider issues in society that should be looked at. Impact of alcohol and drugs on behaviour