

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".)

Member of the public

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 Alex MacInnes

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 Supportive

Please explain the reasons for your response

Very simply in some but not all cases the status quo is unacceptable.

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

No

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

There is a clear an unequivocal line in the sand, that cannot be crossed, and if crossed the penalties are clear.

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

None, they owe it to themselves, to their immediate neighbours, their loyal and respectful fans, the parents who wish to make it a family day out but who do not have to place ear muffers on their children to some venues.

It has to be become a family day out.

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 invasion or attempted invasion of a field of play

The throwing of objects

The lighting of fireworks or any other incendiary objects

The use of laser pointers or similar electronic devices

Violent or threatening behaviour

Abusive or offensive language or messages (including verbal abuse of any person by reference to their race, sex, sexual orientation, religion or belief or disability)

Acts of damage

Disorder in or near the stadium

Other (please specify)

Please explain the reasons for your response

The complete banning of Alcohol and the banning of alcohol advertising. It is well documented that

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)--

alcohol, football violence before/after a game, in the home are related. Its a minority but the outfall and consequences makes it unacceptable.

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)--

Warning/reprimand

Fine

Match-specific penalties (e.g. annulment of result; requiring a match to be replayed; forfeiting a match)

Competition-specific penalties (e.g. deduction of points; withdrawal of title; disqualification/exclusion)

Playing of a match behind closed doors (i.e. fans not able to attend)

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

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				

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?

Positive

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

The clubs pay for the outfall of when additional resources or damages occur.

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?

Yes

Please explain the reasons for your response.

More people will frequent sporting events knowing that they will not have to listen or see the negativity.

Page 17: General

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

Not at this moment, I am somebody who stopped frequenting football matches as I did not want my children exposed to any of the negative experiences.

We are followers of rugby and that is the standard to aspire too, and where we want to be without question.