

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 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?

Partially opposed

Please explain the reasons for your response

Doesn't individual responsibility cover issues of public disorder and misbehaviour regardless of the context. Also, wouldn't this be open to misinterpretation and potential sectarian legal tennis?

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 holding clubs responsible for the behaviour of their supporters?

I don't accept the premise that clubs are responsible for the individual whose independent decision to support them is beyond their control, let alone their behaviour.

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

Cost and time legislating in the wrong place.

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

If any of the above are incited by the clubs, then surely that would be a legal matter under existing law.

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)--

Other (please specify)

Please explain the reasons for your response Legal repercussions under the laws applicable

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 cost-neutral	Some reduction in cost	Significant reduction in cost	Unsure
(a) Football clubs						X

Q7. Taking account of both costs and potential savings, what financial impact would you expect the proposed Bill to have on:

(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?

Unsure

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

No Response

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?

Unsure

Page 17: General

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

No Response