

# Proposed Tied Pubs (Code and Adjudicator) (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

Please provide your name or the name of your organisation

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Please provide 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.

Q1. 1. Which of the following best expresses your view of establishing a statutory Scottish Pubs Code and Scottish Pubs Code Adjudicator? Please explain the reasons for your response.

Fully supportive

**Comments:**

This would ensure legal support to all publicans.

Q2. 2. Could the aims of this proposal be better delivered in another way (without a Bill in the Scottish Parliament)?

No

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

This is probably the only way this could be achieved.

Q3. 3. What do you think would be the main advantages, if any, of establishing a statutory Scottish Pubs Code and Adjudicator?

Given the amount of pubs that have closed down in England and Wales, it is essential that steps be taken to safeguard the pubs here in Scotland. They play a huge part of our social system, but importantly provide employment to many people.

Q4. 4. What do you think would be the main disadvantages, if any, of establishing a statutory Scottish Pubs Code and Adjudicator?

*No Response*

Q5. 5. Which of the following best expresses your view of establishing a Market Rent Only option for tenants as part of a Scottish Pubs Code?

Unsure

Q6. 6. What do you think of the proposed contents of the Bill and the Code, and the scope of the Adjudicator's powers, as detailed on pages 17-18 of the consultation document?

*No Response*

Q7. 7. Which of the following best expresses your view of the Scottish Pubs Code Adjudicator being able to impose financial penalties for breaches of the Code?

Partially supportive

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

I would only fully support this if I had studied the penalties proposed and the way they would be upheld. It would certainly need careful monitoring to ensue fairness and not be a way to raise funds.

Q8. 8. In terms of who the Scottish Pubs Code, and Market Rent Only option, should apply to, which of the following best expresses your view? If you choose option (a) you will automatically be taken to question 10. If you choose (b) or (c) you will automatically be taken to question 9.

(a) The Scottish Pubs Code - including the Market Rent Only option - should apply to all tied pubs in Scotland

Q9. 9. How should larger pubcos be defined (e.g. by size of turnover, number of tied pubs owned in Scotland (if so, how many, etc.))?

*No Response*

## Page 17: Financial implications

Q10. 10. 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) the pub companies which own tied pubs (Pubcos)			X			
(b) Tied-pub tenants			X			
(c) Tied-pub customers			X			

**Please explain the reasons for your response**  
HOPEFULLY!!!!!!

Q11. 11. How do you think the associated costs of the proposal (predominantly the establishment and on-going running costs of a Scottish Pub Code Adjudicator) should be funded?

The Scottish Government.

## Page 19: Equalities

Q12. 12. 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)

Q13. 13. In what ways could any negative impact of the Bill on any of the protected characteristics be minimised or avoided?

Who thought out these questions? They are impossible to assess at this early stage.

## Page 21: Sustainability of the Proposal

Q14. 14. Do you consider that the proposed Bill can be delivered sustainably, i.e. without having future disproportionate economic, social and/or environmental impacts?

Yes

## Page 22: General

Q15. 15. Do you have any other comments or suggestions on the proposal?

This survey has been extremely revealing. If you are asking the public opinions of proposals such as this, please make the questions simpler and easier to understand!

The concept seems long overdue, and might even go a long way to ensuring the pricing of alcohol in city pubs more reasonable and consistent. Anyone who has been in city centre pubs knows how ridiculously over-priced it is to drink there. Of course, greed comes to mind, especially in Edinburgh where the hospitality sector are most guilty of this practice.

Well, you did ask!!!!