

# 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".)

Current or former pub tenants or workers

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 your name or the name of your organisation

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

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

No

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

Removing the beer tie and returning to a fairer way of being able to negotiate my own price for beer. This would enable me to improve a lot of things in my business that I am currently unable financially to do. I could pass on savings made to my customers by lowering the prices which in turn would build my business and possibly mean that I'd require more staff. I'd have more funds available to internally/externally upgrade the building using many local tradesmen bringing more employment to the area.

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

none

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?

Fully supportive

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

I'd like to be given the choice of buying products from other suppliers at a fair price. I currently pay almost double to Punch Taverns for all of my tied products. e.g. Booker Paisley standard shelf price for a case of Budweiser 24x330ml is £15.49 ex vat Punch taverns best price for exactly the same case is £30.78 ex vat (correct 3 July 17).

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?

Fully supportive

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

Pub companies have been ripping off their tenants for too long, I'd be very happy if there was someone making sure that they behaved in a fairer way.

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                             |        |

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 Pub Companies should bare the brunt of the cost

## 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?

Positive

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

Cant really think of any negatives

## 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?

*No Response*