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Dear Mr Chalmers,

DRAFT CULTURE (SCOTLAND) BILL

Thank you for giving our organisation an opportunity to participate in this exercise.

We are happy to lend our support at any level to further basketmaking in all its forms within the culture sector. The Scottish Basketmakers' Circle has a network of local groups that could usefully be involved at local planning level.

2.13

Developing local cultural entitlements will help to increase participation in cultural activities **if the relevant organisations are included at an early stage.**

The Scottish Executive and LAs can best utilise the influence and impact of cultural activity **by adequate funding for projects and making culture available to all the population.**

More examples of "entitlements" would have been helpful.

3.13

A single national culture development body should result in administrative savings which can be passed on to grass roots projects.

The remit and powers for Creative Scotland seem right at this stage but time will tell. Success will depend on the calibre of the staff.

As Scottish Executive are the funders it makes sense to work in concert with Creative Scotland as long as Creative Scotland take the lead in cultural matters.

4.12

National Collections **should remain** as constitutionally separate centres of excellence.

The powers and functions appear about right.

The Collections should be more easily accessible to the wider population. This should be strengthened.

The name "National Record of Scotland" is a snappier title and could only be an improvement.

5.5

We agree that this should be similar throughout the UK.

6.4

This too should be similar throughout the UK.

The Scottish Basketmakers' Circle is willing to help in any way possible to progress this Bill so do make use of our knowledge and local contacts.

Yours sincerely,

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(Chairman. Scottish Basketmakers' Circle)



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Dear Sir / Madam

DRAFT CULTURE (SCOTLAND) BILL AND DRAFT GUIDANCE ON CULTURAL PLANNING AND PROVISION OF LOCAL CULTURAL ENTITLEMENTS

I have pleasure in enclosing with this letter two documents, for your consideration:

- Draft Culture (Scotland) Bill consultation document; and,
- Draft guidance to local authorities on cultural planning and the provision of local cultural entitlements.

These documents are being published today, for consultation. Please offer your comments, either on the specific questions in the Bill consultation document, or on any other matter. You may send comments:

- By post, to "Draft Culture Bill consultation" at the address above; or,
- By email, to culturebill@scotland.gsi.gov.uk.

Please note in your reply if your comments relate to only one of the documents, or to both. You may access the documents at the following website:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/ArtsCulture/CulturalPolicy>

Please offer your comments by 31st March 2007.

* When responding to the consultation, **please ensure that you complete the attached Respondent Information Form**. This will enable us to handle your response appropriately, by, for example, making it publicly available or treating it as confidential.

Yours sincerely,

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Head of Culture Bill team

