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GLASGOW
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bid Team
Scottish Executive
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Dear Sirs

Re: DRAFT GLASGOW COMMONWEALTH GAMES BILL

Glasgow Chamber of Commerce (GCoC) welcomes legislation to ensure the successful delivery of the Commonwealth Games and that looks at measures to control elements such as ambush marketing, street vending and the use of advertising space.

In delivering a response representative of our membership base and the Glasgow business community, GCoC circulated the consultation to a selection of our members and raised general awareness through features in the GCoC magazine and website. We have also worked with other Scottish business support organisations in formulating a response.

In addition, it should be recognised that some GCoC members may choose to comment on the consultation directly.

GCoC supports the Commonwealth Games bid and, recognising the potential benefits of the Games, actively works with the Commonwealth Games bid team to create opportunities for business engagement and participation. While broadly supporting the Draft Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill, a number of specific comments are outlined below:

Section 2. Ban on trading in the vicinity of Games events

- Need for clearer definition of the legislative impact to private car parks and traders such as catering vehicles
- The times at which a trading offence can take place should emphasise whether it is during the period of the Commonwealth Games or if legislation is only enforced while an event occurs in a specific locality

Section 3. Trading activities

- There is a need to define those activities treated as trading

Section 4. Authorised trading

- Under the conditions for authorisation there needs to be a clear definition of what conditions can be imposed on the trader, unlike the description in 2(b) and 3(c)
- As outlined in (4), those applying for authorisation need to currently hold a prescribed form of trading licence, however there needs to be clarity on the process for new traders





Section 6. Existing trading licences

- If those with current trading licences are liable to prosecution during the Commonwealth Games then the licence holder should be notified in advance of the legislation being enforced

Section 8. Guidance and information about trading

- The guidance notes and information should be issued within a specific period prior to the Games

Section 11. Authorised advertising

- A number of the 'more onerous' conditions outlined in the Draft Bill should be clearly classified (i.e. monetary or other)

Section 13. Existing advertising licences

- As with the comment under section 6, there should be advanced notification and considerations to any loss of income incurred

Section 16. Sale of ticket for face value or less

- It is likely that a number of tickets to Games events will be offered as corporate hospitality which is not clearly defined in the legislation

Section 21. Enforcement powers

- Consideration to the impact of 'enter and search' on daily business operations
- 1(b) outlines that an officer may 'destroy' an article they believe is being used in a Games offence, however this is a drastic course of action unless an offence is proven to be taking place (noted that section 25 does ensure compensation if no offence was committed)

Section 25. Compensation and recovery of costs

- Compensation should also cover advertising and trading and not focus purely on section 21(1)

Section 31. Transport plan

- Under (2), other key stakeholders including business should be consulted

Section 32. Games traffic regulation orders

- It would be beneficial to set up an advanced notification system for any Games traffic regulation orders, allowing road users to make suitable arrangements i.e. similar to the CITRAC system used by Glasgow City Council

Section 33. Urgent traffic regulation measures

- Comment as in section 32

Section 35. Organising Committee: assistance

- (2) should emphasise the importance of opportunities for local business



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Section 36. Acquisition of land for Games purposes

- Under land 'suitable for and required in order to facilitate the holding of the Glasgow Games 2014', the impact on business located in these areas and also the impact on any development planned/approved should be considered

Section 38. Consultation

- Key stakeholders including business should also be consulted

Section 45. Short title

- GCoC would ask for consideration to amend the Bill making it applicable as a general Act for major events

GCoC welcomes the development of the Draft Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill and we look forward to continuing to engage with other partners in securing the 2014 Commonwealth Games to showcase Glasgow and Scotland on the world stage and deliver lasting economic and social benefit.

Yours sincerely,

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