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Dear Sir/Madam,

Draft Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill

Please find below a response from Aberdeen City Council to the consultation on the Draft Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill. Following an internal consultation, our Trading Standards Department provided the following response to the Bill:

“The parts of the Bill that propose prohibitions on unauthorised advertising and outdoor trading and the unauthorised sale of games tickets are likely to be enforced by Trading Standards professionals as it fits closely with the work that we already do. If it is decided to nominate trading standards professionals as enforcement officers then the following issues need to be considered:

Extent of Enforcement Powers

Although unauthorised advertising and outdoor trading will only be prohibited in the vicinity of games venues the other offence relating to ticket touting could take place anywhere. Trading Standards professionals are employed by local authorities and are authorised to enforce legislation only within their own local authority boundaries. Therefore consideration will need to be given to ensure there are sufficient enforcement officers throughout the country and not just in local authorities with games venues. Alternatively enforcement officers could be granted powers to enforce the legislation throughout a wider area for the period the Act is in force.

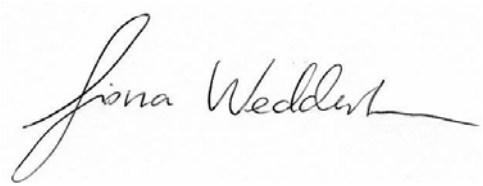
Penalties

The proposed penalty for obstruction of an enforcement officer is a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale. This penalty is less than that proposed for the other offences and may lead to a situation where someone committing an offence obstructs an officer so that evidence relating to illegal trading is not discovered. I would suggest that the penalty for obstruction

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CORPORATE DIRECTOR

equals the highest available penalty for a trading offence, that is a fine not exceeding £20000”

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Fiona Wedderburn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Fiona Wedderburn
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