Thank you for responding to the Local Government and Regeneration Committee's Call for Evidence on the Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill. All submissions will be examined and considered as part of the Committee's scrutiny of the Bill.

Please be aware that questions marked with an asterisk (*) require an answer before you can submit the form.

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2. Please confirm that you have read and understood the Scottish Parliaments “Policy on the treatment of written evidence by subject and mandatory committees”:

☒ Yes

3. Please confirm whether you are content for your name to be published with your submission:

☒ Yes
☐ No

4. Which of the three categories below best describes your interest in the Bill (please tick only one)?

☐ Personal
☒ Professional
☐ Commercial

5. Do you wish your email to be added to the Committee’s distribution list for updates on progress of the Bill:

☒ Yes
☐ No
6. Invitations to give oral evidence to the Committee on the Bill will be based on the submissions received. If you wish your submission to be included amongst those considered for possible invitation to give oral evidence, please indicate here.

☐ Yes
☒ No

7. You may answer questions on the entire Bill, or on any part of the Bill. Please indicate which parts of the Bill you are responding to? (You may select as many options that apply).

☐ All of the Bill
☐ Equalities, climate change and other Scottish Government objectives
☐ Air Weapons
☐ General licensing issues
☒ Alcohol licensing
☒ Civic licensing – taxi/private hire car licensing
☒ Civic licensing – scrap metal dealers
☒ Civic licensing – theatre licensing
☒ Civic licensing – sexual entertainment venues
6. Civic Licensing – Theatre Licensing

You may respond to all the questions or only those you have a specific interest in. (Text boxes have no word limit, they will increase in size accordingly).

47. Will there be any impacts during the transitional period between ending the current theatre licence and starting the public entertainment licence?

There will need to be a transitional period to allow Councils to consider whether they wish to include the performance of plays as a licensable activity and, if they do, comply with the procedures set out in section 9 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982. 12 months at least should be allowed.

48. Are there additional costs or resource implications on theatres or licensing authorities?

There should be no significant costs or resources implications on either theatres or licensing authorities.

49. How should licensing authorities integrate their current fee charging structure into their public entertainment regime?