

Right to Food (Scotland) Bill

Introduction

A proposal for a Bill to incorporate the right to food into Scots law.

The consultation runs from 25 November 2021 to 16 February 2022.

All those wishing to respond to the consultation are strongly encouraged to enter their responses electronically through this survey. This makes collation of responses much simpler and quicker. However, the option also exists of sending in a separate response (in hard copy or by other electronic means such as e-mail), and details of how to do so are included in the member's consultation document.

Questions marked with an asterisk (*) require an answer.

All responses must include a name and contact details. Names will only be published if you give us permission, and contact details are never published – but we may use them to contact you if there is a query about your response. If you do not include a name and/or contact details, we may have to disregard your response.

Please note that you must complete the survey in order for your response to be accepted. If you don't wish to complete the survey in a single session, you can choose "Save and Continue later" at any point. Whilst you have the option to skip particular questions, you must continue to the end of the survey and press "Submit" to have your response fully recorded.

Please ensure you have read the consultation document before responding to any of the questions that follow. In particular, you should read the information contained in the document about how your response will be handled. The consultation document is available here:

[Consultation Document](#)

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I confirm that I have read and understood the Privacy Notice which explains how my personal data will be used.

On the previous page we asked you if you are UNDER 12 YEARS old, and you responded Yes to this question.

If this is the case, we will have to contact your parent or guardian for consent.

If you are under 12 years of age, please put your contact details into the textbox. This can be your email address or phone number. We will then contact you and your parents to receive consent.

Otherwise please confirm that you are or are not under 12 years old.

No Response

About you

Please choose whether you are responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation.
Note: If you choose "individual" and consent to have the response published, it will appear under your own name. If you choose "on behalf of an organisation" and consent to have the response published, it will be published under the organisation's name.

on behalf of an organisation

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".)

No Response

Please select the category which best describes your organisation

Third sector (charitable, campaigning, social enterprise, voluntary, non-profit)

Optional: You may wish to explain briefly what the organisation does, its experience and expertise in the subject-matter of the consultation, and how the view expressed in the response was arrived at (e.g. whether it is the view of particular office-holders or has been approved by the membership as a whole).

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Purpose

Our charitable purposes are:

"The prevention or relief of poverty"

"The advancement of citizenship or community development"

"The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended"

"The relief of those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage"

OBJECTIVE

Our charitable objects are:

:a) To Relieve Poverty by delivering of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

The food we donate to people and projects is free. So that people in need can get access to the food.

Please choose one of the following:

I am content for this response to be published and attributed to me or my organisation

Please provide your Full Name or the name of your organisation. (Note: the name will not be published if you have asked for the response to be anonymous or "not for publication". Otherwise this is the name that will be published with your response).

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Please provide details of 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.

Aim and Approach - Note: All answers to the questions in this section may be published (unless your response is "not for publication").

Q1. Which of the following best expresses your view of the proposal to incorporate the right to food into Scots law?

Fully supportive

Please explain the reasons for your response.

As a charity we are filling a gap that policy doesn't fill. In the pandemic we were contributing 7 - 10 thousand meals a week. If there was a right to food, the charity would not be needed and as a country we would have made sure our neighbours have the safety net needed. Its vital that Scotland makes this law and that all support it to enhance lifestyles and get people past survival mode. There are catastrophic deprivation in Scotland. As a country a community, we should be turning a blind eye to this. This bill will make life better for hundreds of thousands of people. It would save charities like Eat Up filling the void policy leaves. Foodbanks could close and all the food crisis in Scotland would be relieved and fixed.

Q2. Do you think legislation is required, or are there other ways in which the proposed Bill's aims could be achieved more effectively? Please explain the reasons for your response.

In the short term, there has to e something that gets food to people. Eat Up give food to projects and have a proposal for the short term at this link <https://www.eatupcharity.co.uk/scottish-parliament-proposal>

Q3. Which of the following best expresses your view on an independent statutory body being given responsibility for overseeing and reporting on progress towards realising the right to food?

Fully supportive

Please explain the reasons for your response.

That should work. Bring in people from other countries to sit on the independent body. People that may have did this in their own country.

Q4. Should an independent body be given responsibility for overseeing and reporting on the right to food, do you think it should be:

A newly created body

Please explain the reasons for your response.

it has to be new, but not totally disconnected from the empathy of the cause.

Q5. Which of the following best expresses your view of enshrining a right to food into Scots law as a priority in advance of, and in a manner which is compatible with, any further Scottish Government legislation on wider human rights?

Fully supportive

Please explain the reasons for your response.

If the Scottish Government don't do it, they would be doing Scottish citizens an injustice. Eat Up recommends the Scottish Government support the right to food.

Q6. Which of the following best expresses your view of placing responsibility for guaranteeing the right to food on the Scottish Government?

Fully supportive

Please explain the reasons for your response.

We answered it mostly in the last answer. But to reiterate, if the Scottish Government don't do it, they will be doing Scottish citizens an injustice.

Covid-19 Pandemic

Q7. What impact do you consider the effects of, and response to, the Covid-19 pandemic has had on the need for a right to food to be incorporated into Scots law?

Increased the need for the Bill

Please explain the reasons for your response.

Eat Up worked through the pandemic. You have no idea the catastrophe that occurred. People are starving, in other words don't drag this out. Get the bill through so the whole parliament is getting something right for the citizens. The charities cannot cope. The funding is rubbish and there is no support at all from the Scottish Government. The grant funders out there have no money or are not giving it out. Our van has 200000 miles on it, on Christmas eve we did 110 miles collecting and delivering food. We would say wake up and fix this terrible situation. there are folk sleeping in front of Central Station in Glasgow. This shouldn't be. The right to food will help part of the issues in our population. There are other issues that other bills will address. If everyone can focus on the right to food and get it into law. the situation will improve massively. We would not need to do all the food drops to projects. The right to food would be a savour. The pandemic found a massive demand on charity groups and community groups and no help from Government. Everyone really needs to chip in and help and make the right to food happen.

Financial Implications

Q8. Taking into account all those likely to be affected (including public sector bodies, businesses and individuals etc), is the proposed Bill likely to lead to:

don't know

Please indicate where you would expect the impact identified to fall (including public sector bodies, businesses and individuals etc). You may also wish to suggest ways in which the aims of the Bill could be delivered more cost-effectively.

Charity and community groups work on fresh air. Our charity has £0.00 in the bank and still functions. People are key, connecting with each other is key. Our charity works with every body mentioned and it survives working together. The entities mentioned should be a part of this conversation and consultation. There's already a cost on all the entities because they are supporting where they can. Councils give rate relief to charities working in buildings, and they can give advice, businesses give support through donations, supermarkets are an example, and individuals donate to the cause also. There already is a cost and we would imagine that having the right to food it may reduce the cost in donations. Not sure how it could affect in a negative way.

Equalities

Q9. 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 or belief, sex, sexual orientation?

Positive

Please explain the reasons for your response. Where any negative impacts are identified, you may also wish to suggest ways in which these could be minimised or avoided.

Food can be a sociable experience. It can increase socialization, people will have a safety net that will provide security and allow for other interest past survival mode to take place. Enriching the potential of all citizens in our country.

Sustainability

Q10. In terms of assessing the proposed Bill's potential impact on sustainable development, you may wish to consider how it relates to the following principles:

- living within environmental limits
- ensuring a strong, healthy and just society
- achieving a sustainable economy
- promoting effective, participative systems of governance
- ensuring policy is developed on the basis of strong scientific evidence.

With these principles in mind, do you consider that the Bill can be delivered sustainably?

Yes

Please explain the reasons for your response.

Well the law is working along side these bullet points at the moment and look at the state of trying to make sure people don't go hungry. There's charities and community groups propping a failed system up. If

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anyone says the right to food is not necessary then they need to visit a food project and see what's going on and then come back and support this bill. All the things in the bullet points are better with the right to food bill, than without.

General

Q11. Do you have any other additional comments or suggestions on the proposed Bill (which have not already been covered in any of your responses to earlier questions)?

No Response