**NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY**

**COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITIES**

**CALL FOR EVIDENCE AND VIEWS ON THE LICENSING AND**

**REGISTRATION OF CLUBS (AMENDMENT) BILL**

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If you are responding on behalf of an organisation or business, please tell us briefly how it relates to the subject matter of the Bill:

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**1. The Policy Objectives of the Bill**

**The policy objectives of the Bill are *“to introduce a balanced package of measures to update the law in respect of the retail sale of alcoholic drinks and to make it more responsive to the current social and economic environment”*.**

**1.What are your views on the overall policy objectives? Do you think that the Bill will meet those objectives? If not, why not?**

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**2. Easter Opening Hours and Additional Permitted Opening Hours**

**What are your views on the provisions in the Bill on:**

**(2a) The removal of restrictions at Easter [Clauses** [**1**](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/legislation/2017-2022-mandate/primary-legislation---bills-2017---2022-mandate/licensing-and-registration-of-clubs-amendment-bill/bill---as-introduced/#a1) **&** [**23**](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/legislation/2017-2022-mandate/primary-legislation---bills-2017---2022-mandate/licensing-and-registration-of-clubs-amendment-bill/bill---as-introduced/#a23)**]?**

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**(2b) Additional permitted hours for certain licensed premises [Clause** [**2**](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/legislation/2017-2022-mandate/primary-legislation---bills-2017---2022-mandate/licensing-and-registration-of-clubs-amendment-bill/bill---as-introduced/#a2)**]?**

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**(2c) PSNI authorisation for additional permitted hours for smaller pubs [Clause** [**4**](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/legislation/2017-2022-mandate/primary-legislation---bills-2017---2022-mandate/licensing-and-registration-of-clubs-amendment-bill/bill---as-introduced/#a4)**]?**

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**3. “Drinking-up Time” and the Alignment of Alcohol and Entertainment Licences**

**The Bill contains provisions to extend the current “drinking up” time in licensed premises and private members’ clubs from 30 minutes to 1 hour [Clauses** [**5**](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/legislation/2017-2022-mandate/primary-legislation---bills-2017---2022-mandate/licensing-and-registration-of-clubs-amendment-bill/bill---as-introduced/#a5) **&** [**24**](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/legislation/2017-2022-mandate/primary-legislation---bills-2017---2022-mandate/licensing-and-registration-of-clubs-amendment-bill/bill---as-introduced/#a24)**].**

**The Department for Communities states that the aim is to discourage customers from drinking too quickly and to allow a more gradual departure from premises at closing time, especially from large venues.**

**(3a) What are your views on the extension of “drinking-up” time?**

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**(3b) What impact do you think it would have on alcohol consumption towards closing time and during ‘drinking up’ time?**

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**(3c) What impact do you think it would have on issues such as anti-social behaviour and crowd dispersal?**

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**(3d) Do you have any comments on the proposals to align closing time for liquor and entertainment licences [Clause** [**3**](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/legislation/2017-2022-mandate/primary-legislation---bills-2017---2022-mandate/licensing-and-registration-of-clubs-amendment-bill/bill---as-introduced/#a3)**]?**

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**4. Supporting Tourism, Special Events and Small Producers**

**(4a) Do you think that the provisions contained within the Bill will have a positive impact on hospitality and/or tourism and in Northern Ireland? If so, how?**

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**(4b) What are your views on the proposals relating to permitted hours for special events [Clauses** [**6**](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/legislation/2017-2022-mandate/primary-legislation---bills-2017---2022-mandate/licensing-and-registration-of-clubs-amendment-bill/bill---as-introduced/#a6) **&** [**25**](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/legislation/2017-2022-mandate/primary-legislation---bills-2017---2022-mandate/licensing-and-registration-of-clubs-amendment-bill/bill---as-introduced/#a25)**]?**

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**(4c) What are your views on the provisions of the Bill that are aimed at supporting small local producers of beer, cider and spirits [Clause** [**8**](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/legislation/2017-2022-mandate/primary-legislation---bills-2017---2022-mandate/licensing-and-registration-of-clubs-amendment-bill/bill---as-introduced/#a8)**]? What impact do you envisage this could have on tourism? Do you feel that the regulatory framework, as outlined in the Bill, is sufficiently robust?**

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**5. Children and Young People (under the age of 18)**

**The Bill contains a number of provisions directly relevant to children and young people. The Committee is keen to hear your views on the provisions of the Bill relating to children and young people and the proposed additional safeguarding measures, where relevant.**

**What are your views on:**

**(5a) The removal of the requirement of a licensed premises or registered club to hold a children’s certificate [Clauses** [**10**](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/legislation/2017-2022-mandate/primary-legislation---bills-2017---2022-mandate/licensing-and-registration-of-clubs-amendment-bill/bill---as-introduced/#a10) **&** [**26**](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/legislation/2017-2022-mandate/primary-legislation---bills-2017---2022-mandate/licensing-and-registration-of-clubs-amendment-bill/bill---as-introduced/#a26)**]?**

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**(5b) Permitting certain premises to hold underage functions; the conditions that must be met; the permitted opening hours; and, proposed enforcement action [Clauses** [**11**](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/legislation/2017-2022-mandate/primary-legislation---bills-2017---2022-mandate/licensing-and-registration-of-clubs-amendment-bill/bill---as-introduced/#a11) **&** [**27**](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/legislation/2017-2022-mandate/primary-legislation---bills-2017---2022-mandate/licensing-and-registration-of-clubs-amendment-bill/bill---as-introduced/#a27)**]?**

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**(5c) Permitting the attendance of young people to remain on licensed premises to attend a private function (e.g. a wedding reception) and the proposed conditions that must be met [Clauses** [**12**](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/legislation/2017-2022-mandate/primary-legislation---bills-2017---2022-mandate/licensing-and-registration-of-clubs-amendment-bill/bill---as-introduced/#a12) **&** [**28**](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/legislation/2017-2022-mandate/primary-legislation---bills-2017---2022-mandate/licensing-and-registration-of-clubs-amendment-bill/bill---as-introduced/#a28)**]?**

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**(5d) The strengthening of the current law around the delivery of alcohol [Clauses** [**9**](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/legislation/2017-2022-mandate/primary-legislation---bills-2017---2022-mandate/licensing-and-registration-of-clubs-amendment-bill/bill---as-introduced/#a9)**] and the delivery of alcohol to young people [ Clause** [**13**](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/legislation/2017-2022-mandate/primary-legislation---bills-2017---2022-mandate/licensing-and-registration-of-clubs-amendment-bill/bill---as-introduced/#a13)**]?**

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**(5e) The prohibition on self-service and sale of alcohol by vending machines [Clauses** [**15**](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/legislation/2017-2022-mandate/primary-legislation---bills-2017---2022-mandate/licensing-and-registration-of-clubs-amendment-bill/bill---as-introduced/#a15) **&** [**30**](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/legislation/2017-2022-mandate/primary-legislation---bills-2017---2022-mandate/licensing-and-registration-of-clubs-amendment-bill/bill---as-introduced/#a30)**]?**

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**(5f) Permitting children and young people to be present in a sporting club to 11:00pm during the summer months (1 June to 31 August) [Clause** [**29**](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/legislation/2017-2022-mandate/primary-legislation---bills-2017---2022-mandate/licensing-and-registration-of-clubs-amendment-bill/bill---as-introduced/#a29)**]?**

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**(5g) Permitting children and young people to attend an awards ceremony in a sporting club one night per calendar year (until 11pm) [Clause** [**29**](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/legislation/2017-2022-mandate/primary-legislation---bills-2017---2022-mandate/licensing-and-registration-of-clubs-amendment-bill/bill---as-introduced/#a29)**]?**

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**(5h) Overall, do you feel the measures are adequate to protect children and young people from alcohol related harm? If not, why not?**

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**6. Alcohol Consumption and Alcohol-Related Harm**

**The Bill proposes to address certain aspects of alcohol consumption and related harm, for example:**

* **Introducing a number of restrictions on off-sales drinks promotions in supermarkets [Clause** [**16**](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/legislation/2017-2022-mandate/primary-legislation---bills-2017---2022-mandate/licensing-and-registration-of-clubs-amendment-bill/bill---as-introduced/#a16)**];**
* **Regulating the delivery of alcoholic drinks to young people [Clause** [**13**](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/legislation/2017-2022-mandate/primary-legislation---bills-2017---2022-mandate/licensing-and-registration-of-clubs-amendment-bill/bill---as-introduced/#a13)**];**
* **Prohibiting the awarding or redemption of loyalty or bonus points for the purchase of alcohol in licensed premises [Clause** [**17**](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/legislation/2017-2022-mandate/primary-legislation---bills-2017---2022-mandate/licensing-and-registration-of-clubs-amendment-bill/bill---as-introduced/#a17)**]; and**
* **Prohibiting the sale of alcohol by way of self-service or vending machine (with certain exceptions) [Clauses** [**15**](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/legislation/2017-2022-mandate/primary-legislation---bills-2017---2022-mandate/licensing-and-registration-of-clubs-amendment-bill/bill---as-introduced/#a15) **&** [**30**](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/legislation/2017-2022-mandate/primary-legislation---bills-2017---2022-mandate/licensing-and-registration-of-clubs-amendment-bill/bill---as-introduced/#a30)**].**

**(6a) What impact do you think these measures will have on reducing alcohol consumption and preventing alcohol-related harm?**

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**(6b) Do you have any other comments in relation to any other aspect of the Bill in relation to alcohol consumption and alcohol-related harm?**

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**7. Regulation, Enforcement, Offences and Penalties**

**(7a) The Bill proposes to allow statutory approval for voluntary industry-led codes of practice in relation to the sale and supply of alcohol in licensed premises and registered clubs [Clauses** [**19**](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/legislation/2017-2022-mandate/primary-legislation---bills-2017---2022-mandate/licensing-and-registration-of-clubs-amendment-bill/bill---as-introduced/#a19) **&** [**32**](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/legislation/2017-2022-mandate/primary-legislation---bills-2017---2022-mandate/licensing-and-registration-of-clubs-amendment-bill/bill---as-introduced/#a32)**]. Do you feel these are an effective means of helping to regulate the industry? If not, what alternatives would you suggest?**

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**(7b) The Bill contains provisions to permit a court, when determining an application for an occasional licence, to impose terms and conditions on the licence with consequences for non-compliance [Clause** [**18**](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/legislation/2017-2022-mandate/primary-legislation---bills-2017---2022-mandate/licensing-and-registration-of-clubs-amendment-bill/bill---as-introduced/#a18)**]. What are your views on this?**

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**(7c) What are your views on the measures in the Bill that would require a body corporate (licensee) to notify the courts and police of any change of directorship (within 28 days) [Clause** [**20**](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/legislation/2017-2022-mandate/primary-legislation---bills-2017---2022-mandate/licensing-and-registration-of-clubs-amendment-bill/bill---as-introduced/#a20)**]?**

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**(7d) Throughout the Bill there are a number of new offences and/or penalties under The Licensing (NI) Order 1996, The Registration of Clubs (NI) Order 1996 and The Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (NI) Order 1985. The Committee would welcome any comments you have in relation to these.**

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**8. Resource Implications for Certain Organisations/Bodies**

**8. What do you think the resource implications will be for:**

1. **The PSNI:**

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1. **Health and social services:**

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1. **Other organisations (please specify):**

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**9. Registered Clubs**

**9. Do you have any additional comments on the provisions in the Bill which specifically relate to registered clubs [Clauses** [**22**](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/legislation/2017-2022-mandate/primary-legislation---bills-2017---2022-mandate/licensing-and-registration-of-clubs-amendment-bill/bill---as-introduced/#a22) **to** [**32**](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/legislation/2017-2022-mandate/primary-legislation---bills-2017---2022-mandate/licensing-and-registration-of-clubs-amendment-bill/bill---as-introduced/#a32)**]?**

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**10. Additional Information**

**(10a) Are there any other measures *not included* in the Bill that you think should be included and why?**

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**(10b) Do you have any other comments you would like to make?**

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**Thank you**

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