

## **Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Bill**

### **Glasgow City Council**

1. Do you support the Bill? Please provide reasons for your position.

Yes, the health effects of cigarette smoke are well known. We should encourage all reasonable measures to protect children's health.

2. Do you think the Bill (if enacted) would achieve its aim of protecting children from the effects of second-hand smoke and their health? Please provide an explanation for your answer.

Yes – but only to a limited and unquantifiable extent, by reducing exposure to harmful chemicals. I am not convinced that the prevalence of smoking in cars with children present is high. However, the act of making this illegal will impact upon the social acceptability of this behaviour.

3. Is there anything in the Bill you would change? If yes, please provide more details.

No.

4. Who do you think should have responsibility for enforcing the proposed legislation and why?

Police Scotland would seem to be best placed to identify the owner and, where appropriate, the driver of a vehicle. If the vehicle is to be intercepted in order to confront the driver, only the Police can do this. Similarly, Police have better access to driver ownership database.

5. What type of vehicles do you think should be exempt from the legislation and why?

In addition to those mentioned in 1.(2) and 1.(3), an argument could be made for cars with the roof down – i.e. not enclosed. Additionally, vehicles which are used as accommodation.

6. What is your view on the Bill's provision for a defence that the person smoking could not have reasonably known that the other occupants of the vehicle were under 18?

The defence wouldn't work for someone selling cigarettes so I'm not sure why it would be successful here.

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