LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

CALL FOR VIEWS ON THE NON-DOMESTIC RATES (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM FOOD AND DRINK FEDERATION SCOTLAND

Food and Drink Federation Scotland (FDF Scotland) is the voice of food manufacturing, Scotland’s largest manufacturing sector. Our members are geographically diverse and employ thousands of people across Scotland.

With reference to this call for evidence,

- We would support the move to hold commercial property revaluations more regularly, every 3 years rather than the current 5;
- Our preference is that Scotland’s revaluations are aligned with those elsewhere across Great Britain;
- The burden of costs for businesses continue to grow. More must be done on business rates including addressing the growing rates burden;
- There should be a moratorium on any new supplements or ad hoc levies – for example members were concerned about the potential for an undefined ‘out of town’ levy that was ruled out in this bill.

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