

Report on	Martyns Law Government Consultation: Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill – Standard Tier
Date of Meeting	12 th March 2024
Reporting Officer	Terry Scullion, AD Property Services
Contact Officer	Rory Donnelly, Corporate Health & Safety Manager

Is this report restricted for confidential business? If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	Yes	
	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on a Government consultation on a draft bill to enhance public safety by ensuring premises are prepared for the threat of terrorism, and seek members approval to respond to the consultation.
2.0	Background
2.1	As a consequence of the terror attack at the Manchester Arena in 2017 where 22 victims lost their lives, the Government have been preparing legislation requiring those responsible for premises to undertake activities to improve protective security from and preparedness for a terror attack at their premises. Following the attack, the Martyn's Law Campaign Team campaigned to introduce Martyn's Law to Parliament.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	During pre-legislative scrutiny concerns were raised as to the burden of the legislation on those premises with a maximum capacity of 100 - 799 persons (Standard Tier) and in particular on those premises which are voluntary, or community run.
3.2	The Government has now revised its approach to premises in this category and is consulting as to proposed requirements for such premises.
3.3	The proposed requirements are that Standard Tier premises must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Notify the Regulator that they are, or have become responsible for premises within the scope of the Bill (and so subject to the relevant requirements) b) Have in place procedural measures that could be expected to reduce, so far as is reasonably practicable, the risk of physical harm to individuals at the premises in the event of an attack. c) Whilst there will be no requirement to complete a specified form or ensure that persons working at the premises are given any specific training workers

	will be required to be sufficiently instructed or trained to undertake the procedural measures effectively
3.4	Whilst the primary qualifying condition is that the premises has a capacity of 100 or more individuals it is considered likely that a number of Council premises will fall within the scope of this proposed legislation including Council Civic Offices, Council leisure and Arts facilities.
3.5	The Government consultation closes on 18 th March 2024 and a draft response to the consultation has been prepared for members consideration in section 6.1.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: No direct financial costs to consider
	Human: No direct human resources implications
	Risk Management: N/A
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/a
	Rural Needs Implications: N/a
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	It is recommended that members note this Consultation response and recommend to Council submission on behalf of Council.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1: Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill- Standard Tier Government Consultation response