

Respondent Information Form

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Providing your response

If you have chosen to provide a separate written response, then please complete the first page of this Respondent Information Form and attach it to your response.

If you wish to include your responses within this Respondent Information Form, please insert your responses to each consultation question in the (expandable) boxes below:

Proposal 1 - Consolidation

Question 1 – Do you agree that the 2 existing sets of regulations from 2002 should be replaced with 1 new consolidated instrument? If not why not?

Yes I agree they should be consolidated.

Proposal 2 – Adopting unit based charging:

Question 2 – Do you agree that a change to “unit based charging” can provide improved transparency on the level of fee being charged? If not why not?

Yes, I agree

Question 3 – Do you agree that the baseline “monetary value” should start at £5.40 and that 1 unit of time should be fixed at 6 minutes? If not why not?

Yes I believe there should be a baseline starting point however £5.40 per 6 minutes seems too low.

Question 4 – Do you agree that the proposed changes to the general regulations will support the adoption of unit based charging?

Yes I agree.

Question 5 – With regard to annex 4, do you have a view on whether any of the current 60 line items shown are no longer required, or whether any of the baseline unit of work should be amended? If so why?

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I believe we still require the 60 line of items as there are so many types of instructions we execute.

Question 6 – Do you have a view on any unintended consequences that might arise from implementing a change to unit based charging?

I dont believe there will be any.

Proposal 3 - Adjusting for inflation in advance:

Question 7 – Do you have a view on the proposed change to the Council progressing inflation adjustments in advance?

I agree that this should happen.

Question 8 – Do you have a view on which indices (*CPI, CPIH or a combination of both*) should be use when forecasting inflation?

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I believe a combination of both.

Other

Question 9 – Are you aware of any other opportunities to modernise how these regulated fees are set by the courts and charged to end users?

I agree with SMASO's proposal on this.