

## *Respondent Information Form*

### **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?**

I believe the fees should be consolidated although believe fees of Messengers-At-Arms should have an additional levy attached to them, otherwise firms with less Messengers-At-Arms have an advantage financially.

#### *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 do agree with the proposal but only if the units do not total less than what we already cccharge for 1 hour of work.

**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 agree with this proposal.

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

Yes I agree that this will support the the charging by units however the proposed starting point should be agreed before implementation.

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**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?**

No

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

I have a reservation that the yearly or 3 yearly increase will not cover costs of sheriff officer businesses and that some firms will interperate the unit based charging in their own way without scrutiny.

*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 belive that these should be no more than 3 years in advance.

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

I belive a combination would be better for the industry.

*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?**

No