

## *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 would wholeheartedly agree the existing sets of regulations should be replaced with 1 consolidated instrument. Following other court users with a unit-based system would seem logical and the opportunity to have the next three years uplift be predetermined would greatly assist our profession as a whole.

#### *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 would agree it can.

**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?**

I would agree this to be a good starting point making the transition cost neutral.

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

Yes I would 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?**

Please see paper attached

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

I do not foresee any unintended consequences

*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 would welcome this change to assist with the setting of budgets, investment and the allocation of resources. At present we are constantly operating retrospectively and by the time increases are awarded sometimes 2/3 years after submission costs have risen once more.

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

In the absence of any other indices, I would propose the continued use of blended CPI and CPIH

*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 would suggest following the implementation of these reforms a working group be set up with all stake holders to continue the modernisation of our profession.