

**Name**

**Publication consent**

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**Q1) Do you agree or disagree with the Council's approach to the distinction between a 'principle' and a 'purpose' of sentencing?**

Agree

**Please provide any reasons for your response.**

It is important to acknowledge clearly the aims and objectives.

**Q2) Should there be an overarching principle of "fairness and proportionality"?**

Yes

**Please provide any reasons for your response.**

**Q3) Are the supporting principles which underlie the overarching principle of fairness and proportionality (as listed at paragraph 2(i)-(vi)) appropriate?**

Yes

**Please provide any reasons for your response.**

This appears to cover the most salient points

**Q4) Are the supporting principles expressed clearly and accurately?**

Yes

**Please provide any reasons for your response.**

**Q5) Are there any other supporting principles which should be included at paragraph 2?**

No

**Q6) Do you agree or disagree with the approach to the purposes of sentencing as set out at paragraph 4 of the draft guideline?**

Agree

**Please provide any reasons for your response.**

**Q7) Are the purposes as listed at paragraph 5(a)-(d) appropriate?**

No

**Please provide any reasons for your response.**

One of the perceived problems in my humble opinion is that too many times the "punishment" part of a sentence is either not enough or inconsistent in the public's view. More clarification should be considered to allow this to be better understood.

**Q8) Are the purposes expressed clearly and accurately?**

Yes

**Please provide any reasons for your response.**

As above in principle yes but with a clearer view of the punishment part.

**Q9) Are there any other purposes which should be included?**

no

**Q10) Do you agree or disagree with the approach set out at paragraph 6 of the draft guideline in relation to the efficient use of public resources?**

Disagree

**Please provide any reasons for your response.**

**Q11) Is it appropriate to consider efficient use of public resources during the sentencing process?**

No

**Please provide any reasons for your response.**

Whilst it may be appropriate for those who have to be accountable for the respect of the public purse to caution against excessive spend, it should not inhibit anyone who has the difficult task of carrying out sentencing.

**Q12) Do you agree or disagree that the guideline would lead to an increase in public understanding of how sentencing decisions are made?**

Agree

**Please provide any reasons for your response.**

With the caveats that I have already mentioned it is fair to say that anything that can be done to reveal how these details are considered will undoubtedly lead to a better understanding.

**Q13) Do you agree or disagree that the guideline would lead to an increase in public confidence in sentencing?**

Agree

**Please provide any reasons for your response.**

Again with what I have suggested then yes.

**Q14) What costs (financial or otherwise) do you see arising from the introduction of this guideline, if any?**

None

**Q15) What benefits do you see arising from the introduction of this guideline, if any?**

Greater clarification and overall improvement in equitable sentencing.

**Q16) Would you like to make any other comments in relation to any matter arising from this consultation?**

Great idea to allow public participation. Well done.