

Name

Publication consent

Publish response only (without name)

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.

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.

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?

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?

Yes

Please provide any reasons for your response.

Q8) Are the purposes expressed clearly and accurately?

Yes

Please provide any reasons for your response.

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

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?

Agree

Please provide any reasons for your response.

Public resources should be considered and Government should provide more.

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

Yes

Please provide any reasons for your response.

Government should prioritise this matter over other less important subjects.

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.

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.

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?

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

I am concerned that our Government does not give enough weight to the importance of the whole justice system. The protection of the general public from harm whether domestic, national and international is a priority and dealing with convicted people is part of that system. The general public in particular victims of crime need to be protected and defended as a priority.