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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?

Please provide any reasons for your response.

Q2) Should there be an overarching principle of “fairness and proportionality”?

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?

Please provide any reasons for your response.

The <.....> welcomes the Scottish Sentencing Councils initiative. In our experience, ensuring that sentencing offences match the nature of a particular offence and are then handled consistently across those responsible for enforcing the rule of law is key. Any steps that move us towards that consistency of approach via the Sheriff Courts and judiciary as a whole is to be welcomed.

Q4) Are the supporting principles expressed clearly and accurately?

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?

Please provide any reasons for your response.

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

Please provide any reasons for your response.

Q8) Are the purposes expressed clearly and accurately?

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?

Please provide any reasons for your response.

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

Please provide any reasons for your response.

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

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?

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?

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?