



BBC Charter Review public consultation

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Nearly all of us watch or listen to the BBC. Whether we're fans of Match of the Day, addicted to news, or love cutting-edge comedy like Little Britain, the BBC touches most of our lives daily. But not a lot of people know that everyone can have a say in how it works.

The BBC's activities are currently governed by a Royal Charter – a document that shapes the BBC, setting out what it is for, what it does and how it does it. Since 1927, a review has been carried out every 10 years or so to see if the BBC is still serving the public well and to consider its future.

The BBC's current Charter is due to expire at the end of 2006. So in 2004, we asked the public some key questions, such as what you value most about the BBC and how it should adapt to cope with changes in technology.

People say the BBC should be strong and independent of Government. So, it will be given a new 10-year Charter and we will continue to fund it through the licence fee.

But people also think the BBC needs to change – to make sure its programmes are of the highest quality and to make it more answerable to licence fee payers.

We listened to your views and, thanks to your feedback, we've already made some important decisions. Now we have published another paper (known as a Green Paper), which contains some specific options and questions that have arisen from what you told us. We'd like you to answer these questions. Your answers will help determine the future of the BBC.

YOUR SAY

The public pays for the BBC; in future we want you to be more involved in how it's run. Our paper sets out some of the ways we think we could make that happen.

It's your BBC; make sure you have your say.

You can do this by:

- Visiting our website at www.bbccharterreview.org.uk.
The website includes a number of questions, from whether the BBC should help the public to use new technologies to how it could be more accountable to you, the licence fee payers. If you don't have Internet access at home, ask staff at your local library. They will be able to help.
- Emailing us at: bbccharterreview@culture.gsi.gov.uk
- Writing to us at:
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- Sending us a fax on: 020 7211 6330
- You can also request a copy of the Green Paper by writing to us at the address above, by calling 020 7211 6200 (Monday to Friday only) or emailing enquiries@culture.gov.uk

Thank you, we look forward to hearing from you by Tuesday 31 May 2005.



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