

1. Do you agree that securing plural sources of impartial news for the Nations, locally and in the regions should be a key priority?

Yes	x
No	

Comment (max. 4000 characters)

2. Do you agree that sustainable, impartial news in the Nations, locally and in the regions is likely to require some top-up public funding?

Yes	x
No	

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3. Do you agree that the Television Licence Fee should be used to support impartial news in the Nations, locally and in the regions in addition to BBC services?

Yes	x
No	

Comment (max. 4000 characters)

4. Do you agree that any funding within a contained contestable element of the television licence fee not required for impartial news should potentially be available to fund other forms of essential public service content, or should such funding be limited to news?

Yes	
No	x

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Beyond news, community radio has proved already that it can make a unique and essential contribution to public service broadcasting content. It is time now for government to make a serious contribution to the Community Radio Fund,

and in future to extend it to include support for community television.

5. Are there alternative funding mechanisms that you believe would deliver the above objectives more effectively?

Yes	x
No	

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An increase to the Ofcom Community Radio Fund - Community media can add a new and innovative tier in news provision through networks of citizen reporters and community correspondents. Funding for just one news editor/trainer in every community radio and community television station would be a highly effective way to add to the plurality of news.

6. Do you agree with the proposal to set a maximum percentage of Television Licence Fee revenue which could be set aside as a contained contestable element?

Yes	x
No	

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7. Do you agree that amending the BBC Agreement could provide the necessary protection to the BBC's future funding and independence?

Yes	
No	

Comment (max. 4000 characters)

I am unsure

8. Do you agree that the use of any contained contestable element within the Television Licence Fee should be restricted to the public purposes set out in the BBC Charter?

Yes	
No	x

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