

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	Yes
No	

Comment (max. 4000 characters)

I believe it is not satisfactory for the BBC to be seen as the principal news broadcaster.

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	Yes
No	

Comment (max. 4000 characters)

There is no doubt in my mind that this top up public funding should come from existing licence fee money, and should not result in any increase in the licence fee.

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	Yes
No	

Comment (max. 4000 characters)

It has been explained to me that the BBC does not have exclusive right to the current licence fee monies that are collected from those households with a TV receiver.

In my view, the BBC is increasingly guilty of wasteful use of resources and there should be no difficulty for the BBC in managing with less licence fee income. For the time being, some licence fee money should be diverted to other broadcasters, and, over time, the level of the licence fee should be reduced.

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	NO

Comment (max. 4000 characters)

A commitment should be made to reduce the level of the licence fee as soon as possible

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

Yes	Yes
No	

Comment (max. 4000 characters)

Subscriptions to certain services should be considered. Sponsorship and other forms of advertising should also be seen as possible options.

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	Yes
No	

Comment (max. 4000 characters)

It is important to recognize that the BBC increasingly operates as a commercial broadcaster, and the organization should come to depend more and more on its own commercial income.

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

Yes	Yes
No	

Comment (max. 4000 characters)

Any opportunity should be taken to ensure that licence fee income is used exclusively for true public service broadcasting. The BBC has been too ready to chase audience ratings, at the expense of quality public service provision.

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	Yes
No	

Comment (max. 4000 characters)

The main television output of the BBC (as currently experienced) should not be funded from licence fee income. For the bulk of its output the BBC should operate in the same way as commercial broadcasters.