

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

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| Yes | X |
| No | |

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Is it not an already existing requirement for the independent providers to have News as a core content?

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?

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| Yes | |
| No | X |

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Independent providers are funded from their own commercial incomes and should allocate funds from this sufficient to cover their "statutory" News requirements.

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?

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| Yes | |
| No | X |

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The "Licence" Fee already funds more than the traditional core of BBC TV and Radio . The independence of the BBC is debatable given the control that the Government exerts on the way that it is spent. To take more control would further compromise this independence and increase the Governments influence over ITV output.

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?

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| Yes | |
| No | X |

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This asks two conflicting questions. If the, in my view, unwise decision were made to partially fund alternative News sources from the Licence fee, then it should be restricted to that only.

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

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| Yes | X |
| No | |

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Current commercial incomes

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?

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| Yes | X |
| No | |

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If the, in my view, unwise decision were made to partially fund alternative News sources from the Licence fee, then the amount should be restricted.

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

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| Yes | |
| No | X |

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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?

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| Yes | X |
| No | |

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