

**Name**

**Publication consent**

Publish response only (without name)

**Q1) Do you agree or disagree with the Council's approach to the distinction between a 'principle' and a 'purpose' of sentencing?**

Agree

**Please provide any reasons for your response.**

**Q2) Should there be an overarching principle of "fairness and proportionality"?**

Yes

**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?**

Yes

**Please provide any reasons for your response.**

**Q4) Are the supporting principles expressed clearly and accurately?**

Yes

**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?**

Agree

**Please provide any reasons for your response.**

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

Yes

**Please provide any reasons for your response.**

**Q8) Are the purposes expressed clearly and accurately?**

Yes

**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?**

Disagree

**Please provide any reasons for your response.**

Early guilty pleas obviously equal more efficient use of resources but I do not feel they should receive less of a sentence for pleading guilty earlier in the process

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

Yes

**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?**

Agree

**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?**

Agree

**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?**