

4. Written Responses – Questions

The Government's Proposal

1) Do you agree, in principle, that vacant non-household properties should be charged for water, sewerage and drainage services?

Yes No

Comments By charging vacant non-household properties for water, sewerage and drainage services, the owners may be encouraged to bring their properties back into use rather than leaving them vacant.

2) Do you agree that water and sewerage charges for vacant properties should be the same as those for occupied properties regardless of the reason for the vacant status?

Yes No

Comments As most properties are metered water and sewerage bills will reflect usage in any event.

Charges – Drainage Services

3) Do you agree that drainage charges should be the same as those for occupied properties?

Yes No

Comments It would be fairer to remove the current cross-subsidy between occupied and vacant properties.

Timetable for introduction

4) Do you agree that the current exemption should be removed from 1 April 2017?

Yes No

Comments