

Consultation on the future of our regulatory approach in response to the COVID-19 pandemic: Consultation questions

We welcome your general feedback on our proposals as well as answers to the specific questions we have raised. Please do not feel you have to answer every question unless you wish to do so.

Send your completed questionnaire to us by **14 August 2020**.

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1. Are our proposals for the Annual Assurance Statement right?

Yes - the importance of Annual Assurance Statements in improving governance within the sector is recognised, whilst offering a supportive approach to landlords who may be struggling to meet the requirements of the regulatory framework due to the impacts of Covid-19.

2. Should we publish advisory guidance to assist landlords to adapt their approach to the submission of the AAS?

Yes – however it must be recognised that many landlords may have already progressed discussions with committees/boards around the Annual Assurance Statement and therefore any significant change in the requirements for reporting may cause issues. The guidance should be sufficiently flexible to accommodate the differing stages that landlords may have reached in the preparation of their statements.

3. Would you like to make any other comments or suggestions about our approach to getting Annual Assurance Statements?

No

4. Are our proposals for the publication of Charter performance right?

Yes – the proposal to delay the publication of the annual performance report to December is welcomed. This will offer flexibility to social landlords that may be struggling to meet the usual October deadline due to the Covid-19 emergency. This will also give more time for discussion with tenants and their representatives around the content of the performance reports as we emerge through the phases of Covid-19 recovery.

5: Would you like to make any other comments or suggestions about our approach to the publication of Charter performance?

No

6: Are our proposals for the publication of Engagement Plans and regulatory status right?

Yes – our preference would have been for an earlier date than March 2021 however the impact of Covid-19 on the programme is fully understood. It is not clear to what period the Engagement Plans will relate and how this will be tied in with potential Covid-19 impacts, so further clarification around that point would be helpful.

7: Would you like to make any other comments or suggestions about our approach to the publication of Engagement Plans and regulatory status?

No

Thank you for taking the time to give us your feedback!