

#### **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

Given that the properties in question are vacant and that the majority of properties will be metered with resultant bills reflecting usage unless there are significant standing charges it could be viewed that the expected income is optimistic.

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

##### **Charges – Drainage Services**

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

Yes  No

Comments

##### **Timetable for introduction**

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

Yes  No

Local authorities do not collect non-household water, sewerage & drainage charges it is the responsibility of Scottish Water and it is presumed the introduction of these charges for vacant properties will remain the responsibility of Scottish Water.