

Your response

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Question 1: What are stakeholder views on how Ofcom should assess and measure BBC performance?	None
Question 2: Do you agree with the proposals for Public Purpose 1? If not, please explain why.	<p>The Local TV Network (LTVN) is the trade body for the holders of the 34 Ofcom-licensed local TV services. All services deliver local news produced by professional journalists – in many cases these are the only dedicated broadcast news bulletins targeting the local area. Collectively the network has over 5.5 million viewers a month on Freeview Channel 7/8 and former local TV staff now work across the industry.</p> <p>LTVN notes the proposal (para 6.32) to remove the condition on the BBC News channel to provide more international news, <u>and more local/regional news</u> than other main continuous news channels in the UK.</p> <p>LTVN strongly supports the importance of local news as a public good. Local TV stations collectively broadcast more than 25,000 hours of local content each year. We suggest that in order to add value to its own programming, the BBC should be encouraged to cooperate with others who deliver local news and information.</p>
Question 3: Do you agree with the proposals for Public Purpose 2? If not, please explain why.	None

<p>Question 4: Do you agree with the proposals for Public Purpose 3? If not, please explain why.</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Question 5: Do you agree with our preliminary view on the BBC's request to change Operating Licence conditions 2.21 and 2.32 for BBC Four, including our proposal to remove BBC Four's peak original productions quota and set the 'all hours' quota at 65% instead of 60% as requested by the BBC? If not, please explain why.</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Question 6: Do you agree with the proposals for Public Purpose 4? If not, please explain why.</p>	<p>LTVN notes that the current licence requires that the BBC should ensure programming for the nations and regions serves, and is of interest to, people living in the area for which the service is provided, and that it should contribute to social wellbeing and cohesion. We would observe that local TV stations also deliver these public goods and are able to do so at a more granular level than the regional level at which the BBC operates.</p> <p>In that context, we strongly support the proposal (para 9.55) for there to be additional transparency around the BBC's delivery of regional news and current affairs in England, in particular that the BBC should set out the total hours of news and current affairs programming on TV it plans to provide on its opt-out services in England, with its Annual Plan, and to report against its delivery with its Annual Report.</p> <p>We would, in addition, welcome additional transparency in the Annual Report on the costs to the licence payer of the BBC's delivery of local news</p>

Question 7: Taken together, do you agree with the proposals for a new Operating Licence? If not, please explain why.

Yes