

Question 1: Do you agree that public service provision and funding beyond the BBC is an important part of any future system?:

Yes. I am from the westcountry region and would like to see a good local independant broadcaster for this region covering local news and events and a continuation of the local BBC service.

Question 2: Which of the three refined models do you think is most appropriate?:

model three

Question 3: Do you agree that in any future model Channel 4 should have an extended remit to innovate and provide distinctive UK content across platforms? If so, should it receive additional funding directly, or should it have to compete for funding?:

yes but channel 4 should only recieve funding after local news has been properly funded on the BBC and Channel Three.

Question 4: Do you think ITV1, Five and Teletext should continue to have public service obligations after 2014? Where ITV1 has an ongoing role, do you agree that the Channel 3 licensing structure should be simplified, if so what form of licensing would be most appropriate?:

After 2014 if there is public funding ITV1 should hand back all there Channel 3 licences and then there should be a open bidding system for each licence. that i think would give other broadcasters a chance to do better job then the currant system. Here in the westcountry having our region merged with the West region is very unsatisfactory. this region should have a truly independant local broadcaster,

Question 5: What role should competition for funding play in future? In which areas of content? What comments do you have on our description of how this might work in practice?:

covered in last question

Question 6: Do you agree with our findings that nations and regions news continues to have an important role and that additional funding should be provided to sustain it?:

Yes i agree.

Question 7: Which of the three refined models do you think is most appropriate in the devolved nations?:

Question 8: Do you agree with our analysis of the future potential for local content services?:

Question 9: Do you agree with our assessment of each possible funding source, in terms of its scale, advantages and disadvantages?:

Question 10: What source or sources of funding do you think are most appropriate for the future provision of public service content beyond the BBC?:

The license fee should stay as the source for public funding, but should only increase at the rate of inflation. Money for Public service broadcasting other than the BBC should come from license fee

Question 11: Which of the potential approaches to funding for Channel 4 do you favour?:

Question 12: Do you agree that our proposals for 'tier 2' quotas affecting ITV plc, stv, UTV, Channel TV, Channel 4, Five and Teletext are appropriate, in the light of our analysis of the growing pressure on funding and audiences? priorities? If not, how should we amend them, and what evidence can you provide to support your alternative?:

The merging of the Westcountry and the West region should only be a temporary solution until the problems of ITV plc funding for Public Service Broadcast can be sorted out

Additional comments:

The Westcountry region in the past has had a very good local broadcaster, being Television South West [TSW] .