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Chapter 1

Foreword

Further to the main CAA 2016/17 Charges Consultation, which also commenced on 1 February 2016, this document focuses on the proposed charge amendments relating to Flying Displays, Display Authorisations for pilots and Low Flying Permissions, within the General Aviation Scheme of Charges.

Detailed work on the time and effort dedicated to the regulation of Flying Displays, Display Authorisations for pilots and Low Flying Permissions for the year ending March 2015, shows that we are continuing to significantly under recover our costs in this area. The CAA is funded by charges levied on the industry and we need to ensure that those charges reflect the amount of work that is actually carried out, which has not been the case for the last few years.

In addition, we have to consider the actions required from the CAA's ongoing Air Display Review and potential actions following recommendations from the Air Accident Investigation's Branch report on the tragic accident at Shoreham in 2015.

Actions announced from the CAA's ongoing Air Display Review requiring increased risk assessments, greater auditing and oversight of air displays and an enhanced authorisation system for display pilots and evaluators. Full details are incorporated within the "UK Civil Air Display Review: Actions that impact on UK civil air displays 2016" ([CAP 1371](#)) published on 26 January 2016.

To enable the CAA to implement these important additional safety enhancements, early indications are that there will be a requirement for increased regulatory resources resulting in further operating costs estimated to be £250k. These additional costs will need to be funded through the Scheme of Charges. The CAA Board proposes that these additional operating costs are passed onto air display events on a sliding scale dependent upon the duration and size of the event.

For future pricing reviews, the CAA is committed to conduct a full review of air display regulatory activities and associated costs. Our aim is to have this completed in time for the 2017/18 charges consultation.

We believe the charging proposals included within this document represent a fair and balanced approach to charging whilst ensuring that the cost recovery requirement is achievable. We look forward to receiving feedback on these proposals from you.