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Consultation on air display and low flying permission charges

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Executive summary

On 1 February 2016, the CAA set out its proposed fees for air display and low flying permissions within the General Aviation Scheme of Charges, due to come into effect from 1 April 2016. As a cost recovery body, not funded by the tax payer, the cost of our activity must be paid by those we regulate.

This document outlines the February proposal, the feedback to the consultation and the CAA's next steps.

The proposal reflected the cost of implementing the important measures the CAA is introducing to enhance the safety of civil air displays, which have come out of our ongoing review of air display safety. They also reflected the historic under-recovery of costs for our regulatory oversight of air displays.

We have been clear that we do not want to see air shows being cancelled as a result of this increase in fees, but we must ensure that we recover the costs of regulating this part of aviation.

The key proposals were:

- The introduction of a new post event charge to cover additional costs during 2016/17 to meet the new enhanced safety measures resulting from our air display review.
- A 100 per cent increase in the current air display charges. To address the fact that the current charges for air displays and low flying permissions do not cover the costs of overseeing those activities.

The consultation ended on 29 February 2016, by which time 534 respondents had replied.

From the start of the process we have welcomed the feedback and have carefully reviewed all of it. As a result we have amended our approach, in line with the purpose of the consultation process.