

## PETITION SCHEME –CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

<b>Main Guidance</b>
<p><b>Question 1</b> Does the guidance clearly set out the key principles and requirements of the petitions duty?</p>
<p><b>Question 2</b> Are there any existing areas in the guidance which require further clarification?</p>
<p><b>Question 3</b> Are there any additional areas which you feel this statutory guidance should cover? If so, please state what they are and why you feel they should be included.</p>
<p><b>Question 4</b> Are there any additional areas which, while not appropriate for statutory guidance, you would like to see covered by the expert practitioners in their sector-led guidance?</p>
<p><b>Question 5</b> Are there any areas covered in this statutory guidance which you feel would be more appropriately covered by the expert practitioners in their sector-led guidance? If so, please state what they are and why you feel they should be addressed in this way.</p>
<b>Model Scheme</b>
<p><b>Question 6</b> Do you think the model scheme is clearly expressed and easy for people to use? Please explain your reasons.</p>
<p><b>Question 7</b> Do you think the standards set out in the model scheme are achievable and appropriate to citizens' expectations?</p>
<p><b>Question 8</b> Do you think there is anything that should be added to the model scheme?</p>
<b>Draft Order</b>
<p><b>Question 9</b> Do you agree with the categories we have excluded in the order? If you do not agree with the categories please explain why you do not think they should be excluded.</p>
<p><b>Question 10</b> Do you think there should be additional categories excluded? If so, please state what they are and why they should be excluded.</p>
<b>Next Steps</b>
<p><b>Question 11</b> Following on from this consultation, what do you consider the most appropriate timescale for bringing the petitions duty in force? Please explain your reasons.</p>

**Question 12**

Initial discussions with both the local government and technology sector indicate that it would be wise to stagger the implementation of the e-petition element of the duty, bringing the e-petition requirements into force 12 months after the other elements of the duty are commenced. Do you agree? Please explain your reasons.