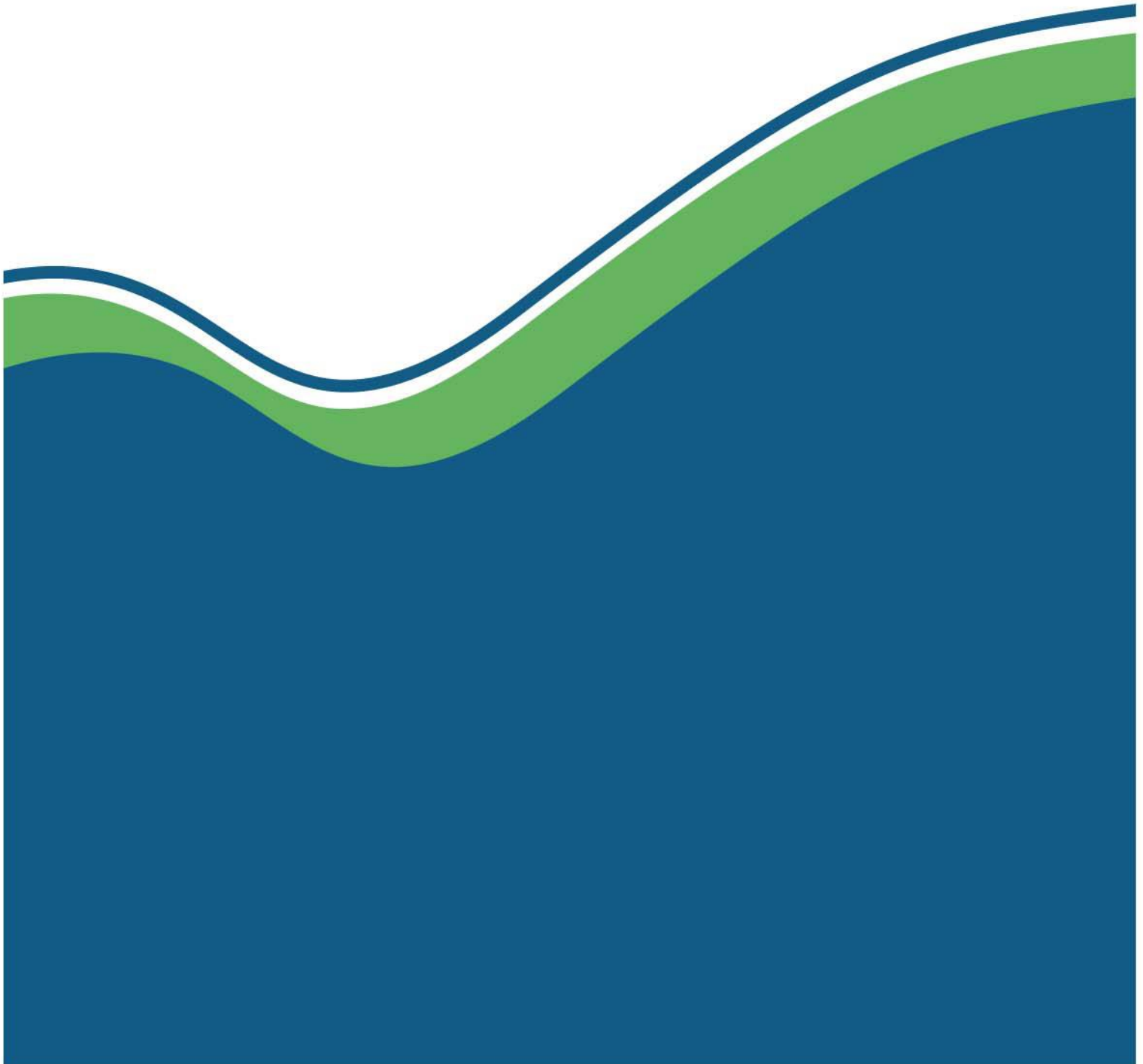


CONSULTATION ON SEPA'S PROPOSED

RESERVOIRS (SCOTLAND) CHARGING SCHEME 2018



Consultation

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1 Purpose

- 1.1 This consultation seeks your views on charges in 2018/19 and beyond for the work undertaken by SEPA for the Reservoirs (Scotland) Act 2011 and the Reservoirs (Scotland) Regulations 2016 and how we intend to review these charges in 2018.

2 Background

- 2.1 SEPA consulted in 2015 on the charging scheme ([link](#)) for 2015/16 through to 2017/18. The 2015 consultation said that charges would be reviewed in this period. We have reviewed the charges and currently the charges cover our costs however we do not believe the years 2015/16 and 2016/17 provide a suitable measure of "normal" work.

Why does SEPA not consider these years to be representative of "normal" work levels?

- In 2015/16 resource was allocated to developing systems, setting up the team and dealing with registrations.
- In 2016/17 we continued the logging and input of registry information including: ongoing set up of systems, dealing with reservoirs where the reservoir manager was not agreed and had to be resolved, issuing risk designations and processing and responding to representations and reviews associated with these risk designations, supporting and providing guidance to reservoir managers & engineers in complying with the new legislation, as well as what the "normal" work would be.

3 Proposals

- 3.1 While our charges are reflective of costs incurred from 2015 to present, we believe that once the scheme is bedded in, our cost will change. We therefore propose to carry forward the existing scheme for a further year and review the reservoir charges in 2018 after we have collected a representative year of "normal" work. Depending on the conclusions of the review we may change the charging scheme.
- 3.2 For the 2018/19 charges we propose to take account of inflation compared to 2017/18. These charges will take effect from 1st April 2018. The inflationary change would be the Retail Prices Index (RPI) published by the Office for National Statistics as at 30 September 2017.
- 3.3 If the review shows no change is required then charges for subsequent years will be changed in-line with RPI published by the Office for National Statistics, as at 30 September in the immediately preceding year e.g. RPI at 30/9/2019 would be applied to charges in 2019/20 to give the new charge in 2020/21 (and so on).

3.4 The following table summarises the charges for 2018/19.

Type of charge	Financial year (2018/19)
Registration fee	£523 + RPI at 30th September 2017
Annual Subsistence Fee:	
High risk reservoir	£434 + RPI at 30th September 2017
Medium risk reservoir	£292 + RPI at 30th September 2017
Low risk reservoir	£178 + RPI at 30th September 2017
Application fee for review of SEPA risk designation	£367 + RPI at 30th September 2017

4 Questions

There are two questions, for any response would you ensure you complete the respondent information form provided under section 5.

Question 1: Do you agree with the proposed approach for the review of the reservoirs charging scheme (please outline why you agree / disagree)?

Question 2: Do you have any other comments you wish to make about SEPA's proposed changes to the reservoir charging scheme?

How to respond

You can respond to the consultation online using [Citizen Space](#).

You can also respond by sending your views and comments on the proposals to the following address:

Charging Scheme Team
SEPA
Strathallan House
Castle Business Park
Stirling FK9 4TZ

Responses should be returned by 19 November 2018. Earlier responses would be welcome.

5 RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM

for the Consultation on SEPA's THE RESERVOIRS (SCOTLAND) CHARGING SCHEME 2018 Please Note this form **must** be returned with your response to ensure that we handle your response appropriately. **Only section 3 is mandatory.**

1. Name/Organisation

Organisation Name

Title Mr Ms Mrs Miss Dr *Please tick as appropriate*

Surname

Forename

2. Postal Address

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Postcode	Phone	Email

3. Permissions - I am responding as...

Individual

/

Group/Organisation

Please tick as appropriate

(a) Do you agree to your response being made available to the public?

Please tick as appropriate Yes No

(b) Where confidentiality is not requested, we will make your responses available to the public on the following basis

Please tick ONE of the following boxes

Yes, make my response, name and address all available

or

Yes, make my response available, but not my name and address

or

Yes, make my response and name available, but not my address

(c) The name and address of your organisation **will be** made available to the public.

Are you content for your **response** to be made available?

Please tick as appropriate Yes No

(d) We will share your response internally with other SEPA and Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for SEPA to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

Please tick as appropriate

Yes

No

You have the right to contact us at any time to request that we make your response anonymous. You can do this by contacting reservoirs@sepa.org.uk.