

To whom it may concern

In responding to this document I agree the core focus of the Innovation Funding should be directed to adapting and responding to climate change , improving and restoring the ecological equilibrium and understanding and developing the long term operational resilience.

However there is definitely the opportunity to develop the core activities of wider public value by utilising open data .At UK Water Ltd we have a clear understanding of how this could be progressed through collaboration which could be developed into an opportunity to fundamentally benefit the existing market resulting in greater customer satisfaction and public value .

Response to Consultation Questions

Q1 - I agree with the default arrangements for managing IPR and royalties . I would comment that there could be the potential for cross fertilisation of projects and activities.

Q2 -When considering IPR and royalties , clear and concise appraisals on the project or actively must be fully addressed from the outset to determine the implementation of the potential to realise either or both IPR or royalties.

Q3 - I believe that the data generated should be available , however this should be validated by an expert panel to include representatives of the major stakeholders.

Q4 - I believe that all alternatives should be investigated .

Q5 - I agree that the minimum company contribution at 10% , however there has to be flexibility.

Q6 - The overarching approach is required to provide clear and concise direction.

Q7 - The definition of small scale projects requires parameters and clear criteria to establish a process format.

Q8 - The development of a definitive panel to address such matters is required to provide transparency.

Q9 - Again the overarching process requires clear and concise criteria in the distribution of funding into the appropriate key areas.

Q10 - I totally agree that all stakeholders should be enabled as collaboration will develop success and gain valid and varied viewpoints.

Q11 - Void payment periods could be considered as an alternative.

Q12 - This is a considered approach ,to which I agree with.

Q13 - I agree with the proposed amendments to the principles , however there should always be opportunities for development and interjections.

Q14 - The major strategic themes are covered and the involvement of multiple stakeholders allows for greater innovation.

Q15 - Until projects and activities are clearly identified , a detailed alignment of funding requires consideration.

Q16 -The flexibility of running three types of activities in the pilot year , allows for future planning and addressing issues that may become apparent within that activity.

Q17 - The approach detailed to key implementations is acceptable , however it must contain flexibility.

Regards

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