

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to respond to the research exercise on charities SORP (FRS 102).

I believe that it is important for the charities SORP making-bodies to take into account the views of charity sector preparers. I know that having an effective reporting framework is in the interests of not only the public, but the charity sector itself.

So I would urge the charities SORP making-bodies to listen to organisations such as the Charity Finance Group, which have undertaken an extensive consultation with finance professionals via roundtables and an online survey.

In particular, I would urge the SORP making-bodies to:

1. Reject the proposal for a Key Facts Summary

There is no rationale for why this summary would improve understanding of charities, and I do not believe that there is financial information which would universally demonstrate the effectiveness of a charity. It is only likely to encourage readers not to engage with the full annual report and accounts.

2. Reject the proposal for material donors and funders to be declared

I am concerned that this will impact of the donor's right to privacy and could lead to fewer charities receiving charitable donations. I also do not believe that declaring funders, such as local councils, would improve the public's understanding of the effectiveness of a charity.

3. Abolish the separate accounting of support costs

There are already extensive reporting obligations developed through the many SORP amendments. We are in danger of becoming obsessed with data collection for statistical analysis with processes and disclosures which will have a negative impact on donors and membership.

With kind regards

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