

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

These add a burden on charities and do not improve public understanding.

Kind regards  
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