

Other areas of work

Standing charge: conclusion

- 70% supported the idea of imposing a standing charge upon a wider range of operators.

Standing charging will just introduce additional complexity without any benefits.

Will review the rules to assess whether charges could be imposed upon a wider range of operators.

Application fees

SEPA does not raise sufficient funding from application fees to fund the work on applications.

This is because:

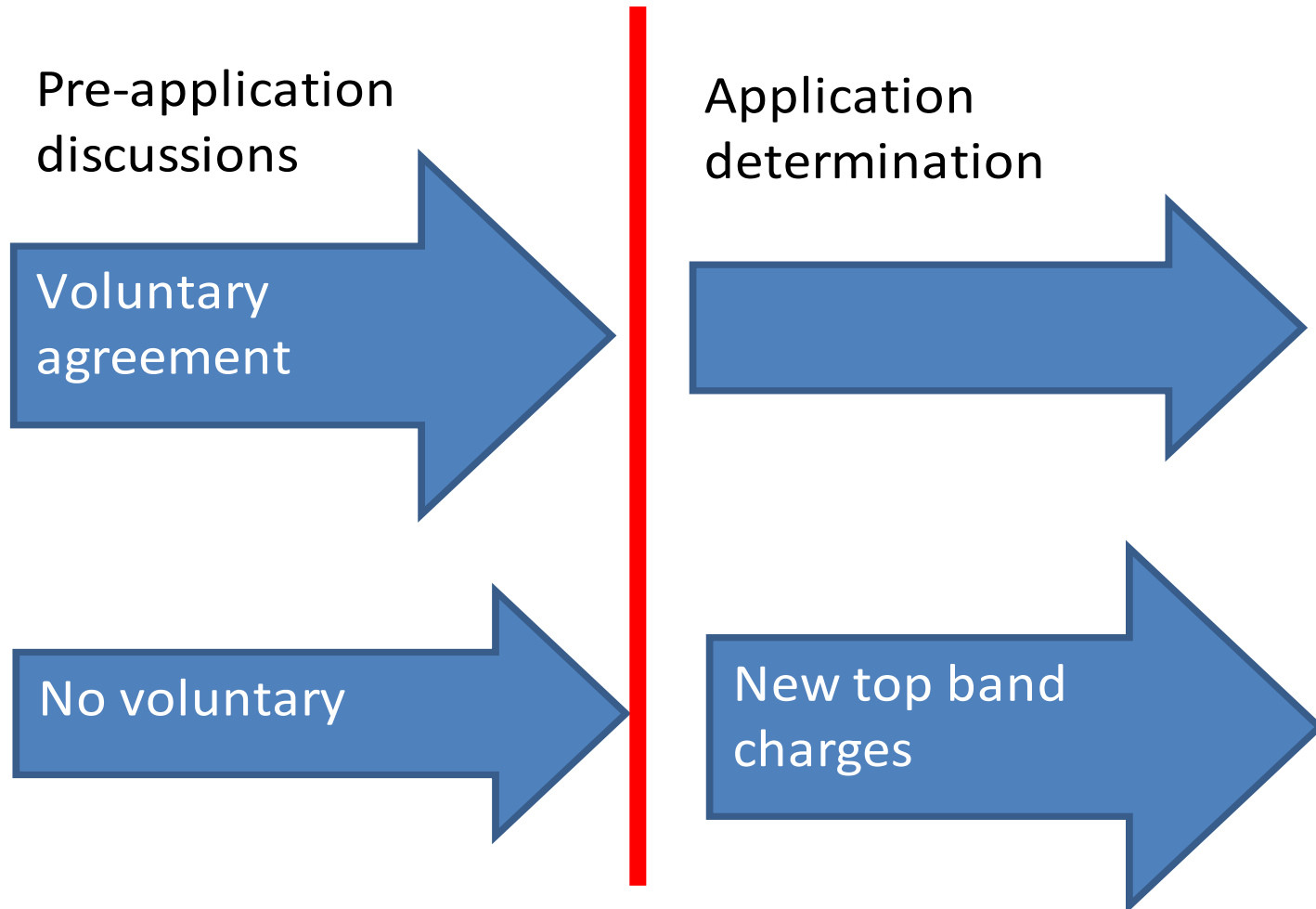
- SEPA does not determine applications within the time allocated by the workload planning.
- SEPA undercharges a small number of applications for major development/infrastructure projects.

Need to be more efficient

Need charge appropriately

63% support the introduction of voluntary agreements for major infrastructure or construction project

Proposed options for application fees



Summary

Transparent and fair

- ✓ Charging scheme that's linked to corporate planning.
- ✓ Consultation on corporate plan and charging scheme every three years.

Accountable

- ✓ Standardise rules for allocating costs to charging

Risk-based and environmentally focused

- ✓ Risk criteria used to allocate costs

Provides an incentive

- ✓ Compliance charge (promotes compliance)
- ✓ Scale of emission (promotes beyond compliance)