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Water and sewerage new connections: Government role

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Charging Guidance

– Section 38 Charging Guidance

- Overarching charging guidance to Ofwat

4 Key Principles:

- Fairness and affordability;
- Environmental protection;
- Stability and predictability;
- Transparency and customer-focused service.

– Section 17 Charging Guidance

- Charging rules for connections etc. to water and sewerage services

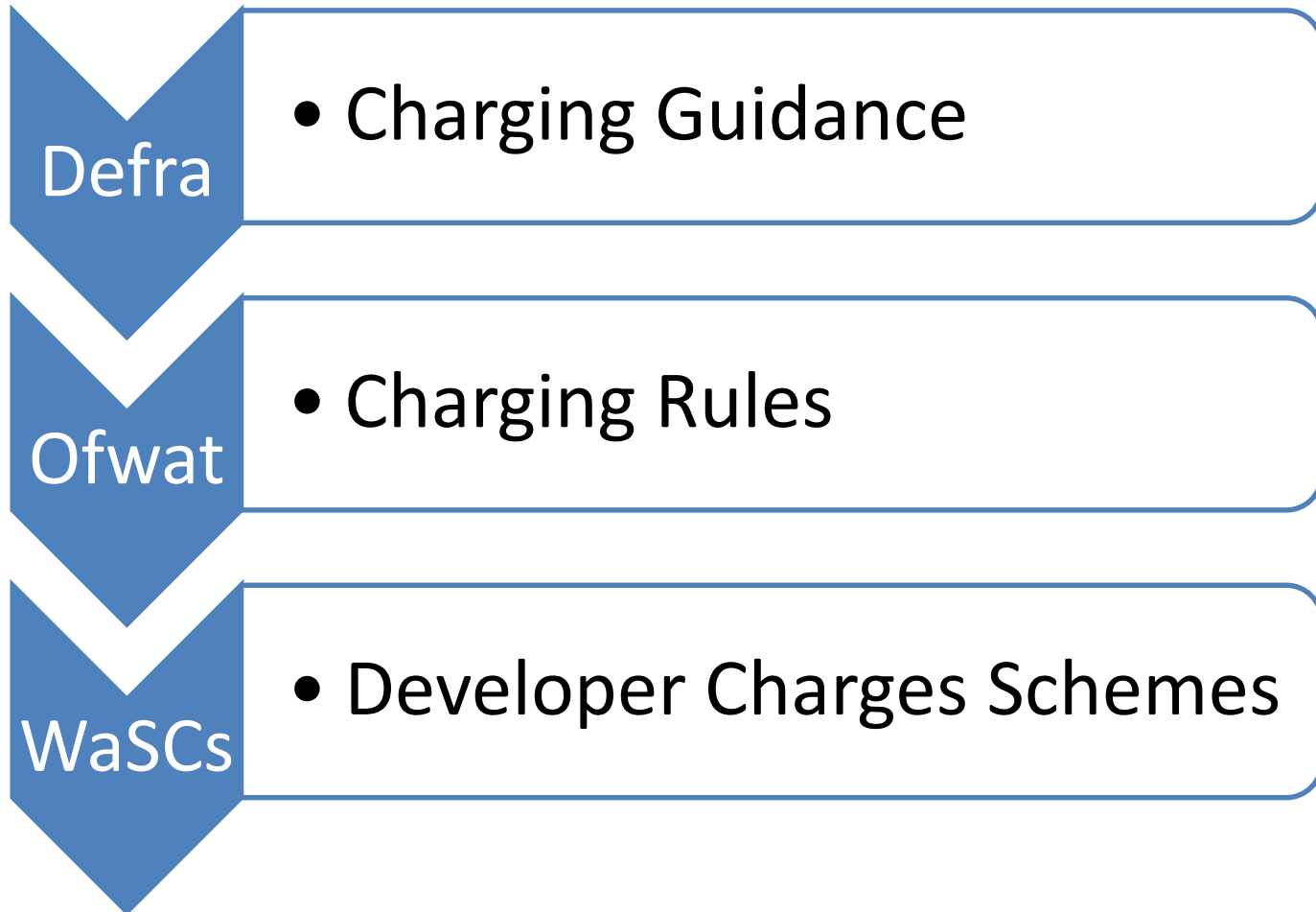


Why is Defra issuing guidance?

- Water Act 2014 requires Ministers to issue charging guidance to Ofwat
- Assist house building
 - Housing Implementation Taskforce: 150,000 properties by 2020
- Improve WaSCs and developer interaction
- Promote industry efficiency and transparency



Hierarchy



Section 17 Charging Guidance Principles

- Transparent and customer focused
- Stable and predictable charges
 - Though charges may still vary between WaSCs, with charges reflecting the costs



What happens next?

- Section 38 Consultation – closed 2015
- Section 38 Guidance published – Winter 2015 (subject to Parliamentary procedure)

- Section 17 Consultation - November 2015 (tbc)
- Section 17 Guidance published – early 2016
- Ofwat rules - tbc



Any feedback?

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