How would you characterise your views on the Bill in general?
Neither

How would you characterise your views on the introduction of same sex marriage, so that same sex couples can marry each other?
Neither

This Council supports the proposal providing the proposed rigorous checks on celebrants by the NRS are approved as part of the Bill.

How would you characterise your views on putting belief celebrants on the same footing as religious celebrants?
In support
Support subject to the proposed rigorous checks on celebrants by the NRS are approved as part of the Bill.

How would you characterise your views on the arrangements for authorising celebrants to solemnise opposite sex and same sex marriage (including the opt-in procedures)?
Neither

How would you characterise your views on civil partnerships changing to marriages?
In support
This is a practical solution to the issue.

How would you characterise your views on allowing civil marriage ceremonies to take place anywhere, other than religious premises, agreed between the couple and registrar?
It is very important that the local authority, as an employer, is able to make appropriate risk assessments on suitability of the premises and can refuse if premises are not deemed to be safe or fit for purpose. The agreement should therefore be between the local authority and the couple and not an individual registrar as is suggested in this question.

How would you characterise your views on allowing the religious and belief registration of civil partnerships?
Neither
How would you characterise your views on allowing transgender persons to stay married when obtaining a full Gender Recognition Certificate, which provides legal recognition in the acquired gender?

Neither

Would you like to comment on the wider issue of protections for those in society who may have concerns about same sex marriage?

Would you like to comment on the wider issue of freedom of speech?

Would you like to comment on any other wider issues in relation to the Bill that are not mentioned above?

Are you responding as...

a public body

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