



# CVS Rochdale Policy Briefing

## Community Halls and Youth Clubs Exempted from Charge for Playing Recorded Music

Music licensing authority Phonographic Performance Limited (PPL) have decided that buildings run on a not-for-profit basis won't have to pay 'specially featured entertainment tariff'

Community halls and youth clubs have been exempted from a proposed new charge for playing music at parties and social events. The new charge, to be introduced by the music licensing authority PPL, is called a "specially featured entertainment tariff". It applies when sound recordings are played "in a more prominent manner than as background music", according to PPL.

The Second [Consultation](#) Paper about the new charge states community halls and youth clubs were originally on a list of organisations that would have to pay. It says they were removed from the list because, in response to a previous consultation, some respondents pointed out that these buildings tended to be run on a not-for-profit basis and were often used by charities.

The purpose of the Second Consultation Paper is to obtain the views of interested parties' before PPL finalises its new tariff. PPL have considered the responses to the issues raised in the First Consultation Paper and where appropriate has departed from its provisional views.

The new tariff is separate from a charge that will come into effect from January 2012, under which charity shops and community groups will have to pay for licences to play background music.

[Community Sector Law Monitoring Group](#), which examines legislation that affects community organisations, have stated that they are pleased that the buildings have been exempted from paying the extra fee, however the CSLMG are still in talks with PPL over the level of charges to play background music. Clarification on another aspect of the "specially featured entertainment tariff", which says the charge will apply to "venues hosting ad hoc events such as festivals, dance parties and similar events". The CSLMG was unclear whether this would apply to charities and community groups hosting such events.

The deadline for comments is **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2011** for details how to respond to the Second Consultation Paper is in section 10 of the document.