

Commissioning a new website

Overview

Commissioning a new website is a big job. You need to choose a design company who you feel have the experience and ability to provide for all your requirements. The following list of questions should help you to find a company who will do a good job for you. Using these questions should also lead to a realistic quotation for the work.

Questions for prospective web design firms

Design and build

- Could you describe your design and build process to me?
(See www.ablewild.com/resources/example-web-design-processes for comparison.)
- Will the website use a content management system (CMS) so I can update it myself?
What CMS would be used?
- Would you use any additional third party software (themes/plugins) in the construction and if so, what?
- Who would be responsible for transferring any content from my existing site into the new site?
What would you charge for this?
- Will the site design auto adjust layout for varying screen sizes such as mobile phones and tablets? (This is commonly referred to as 'Responsive' web design.)
- Which web browsers (and versions) will you use for compatibility testing?
- Will full copyright in all design, text, images and code be handed over to me on completion?
If not, what elements will not be included? (This is likely to be third party software used in construction – this is quite normal.)
- What is your policy on fixing any errors I might find after the final invoice has been paid and my site is made live?

Hosting

- Who will host the site?
- What hosting environment will be used (Linux/Windows)?
- What is the monthly/annual cost?
- Is there a minimum contract term for hosting?

We hope the above is useful to you. You can find out more at www.ablewild.com/resources.
Call Pete on 0797 6006 797 or email pete@ablewild.com

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