

Note of the Fortieth Meeting of the Ofcom Community Radio Fund Panel

Held on Tuesday 11 July 2023 via Microsoft Teams

Chair's Introduction

1. The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting. Mark Jones assumed his role as the new Chair.

Item 1: Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 February 2023

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 February 2023, previously circulated to the Panel, were **AGREED** as an accurate record.

Item 2: Matters Arising

3. There were no matters arising other than those being dealt with under items on the Agenda.

Item 3 and 4: Grant Reports and sector update

4. The Panel **HEARD** a verbal report on the community radio sector.
5. The Panel were **INFORMED** about the progress of SSDAB licensing, including a number of C-DSP services broadcasting on live multiplexes. The Panel **HEARD** that in the coming rounds, more C-DSPs would become eligible to apply for funding.

Item 5: Community Radio Fund applications

6. The Panel **NOTED** that 53 applications had been submitted, requesting grants totalling £1,064,691.
7. The Panel gave full and careful considerations to each application and awarded grants which amounted to a total of £213,433 to 13 applications. A total of 40 applications from those under consideration were not awarded grants.

Item 6: Summary of Decisions

8. It was **AGREED** that a statement would be drafted and signed off by the Chair on behalf of the Panel. This would then be published on Ofcom's website. It should include information on the grants, as well as issues of note, which were discussed and agreed by the Panel.

Item 7: Any Other Business

9. There was no other business to discuss.

Item 8: Date of Next Meeting

10. It was **AGREED** that the next meeting would be held in early 2024 to award funding in the second round of 2023-24. It was further **AGREED** that a date for the meeting would be set by email nearer the time.
11. There being no further business the meeting closed.