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<p><b>Question 1:</b> Do you agree with Ofcom’s proposed approach to remove specific music genre requirements from Key Commitments? Please provide further information and/or evidence in support of your response.</p>	<p>Confidential? N</p> <p>Yes. We believe that the greater flexibility will make management of station resources significantly easier. What shouldn’t change is a station’s <b>ambitions</b> to play a broad range of music.</p>
<p><b>Question 2:</b> Do you agree with Ofcom’s approach to remove specific speech content requirements from Key Commitments? Please provide further information and/or evidence in support of your response.</p>	<p>Confidential? N</p> <p>Yes. We believe that the removal of the requirements will actually improve output. It will enable stations to tailor their output to meet their listener requirements. In our own case we have a two hour programme dedicated to very elderly people in care homes where the speech element is largely dedications (which are hugely appreciated by the local care homes and day centres with whom we partner) immediately followed by a “magazine” programme which is almost entirely speech. Both are a vital part of our output.</p>
<p><b>Question 3:</b> Do you agree with Ofcom’s approach to remove original output requirements from Key Commitments? Please provide further information and/or evidence in support of your response.</p>	<p>Confidential? N</p> <p>Yes. We believe that the greater flexibility will make management of station resources significantly easier. What shouldn’t change is a station’s <b>ambitions</b> to largely play original output.</p>
<p><b>Question 4:</b> Do you agree with Ofcom’s approach to remove locally-produced output requirements from Key Commitments? Please provide further information and/or evidence in support of your response.</p>	<p>Confidential? – N</p> <p>Yes – but with reservations. There is a possibility that some stations will increase the amount of “syndicated” broadcasting which essentially removes the “Community” aspect of stations.</p>
<p><b>Question 5:</b> Do you agree with Ofcom’s proposed approach to language requirements for community radio stations? Please provide further information and/or evidence in support of your response.</p>	<p>Confidential? N</p> <p>Yes. It’s not relevant to Radio Saltire – we have no restrictions.</p>

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<p><b>Question 6:</b> Do you agree with Ofcom’s proposed approach to standardising language in the character of service descriptions for community radio stations? Please provide further information and/or evidence in support of your response.</p>	<p>Confidential? N</p> <p>Yes – and this is important. The core key commitment reporting is currently straightforward. It’s a case of recording numbers which are easy to collate for an annual return. Under the proposed change we need to be clear about how we report our achievements vs our key commitment requirements. We’re thinking of producing a brief monthly summary which we can then collate into an annual summary but the language which OFCOM uses will be important to help us define what we do.</p>
<p><b>Question 7:</b> Do you agree with Ofcom’s assessment of the impacts of its proposed changes? Please provide further information and/or evidence in support of your response.</p>	<p>Confidential? N</p> <p>Yes. We believe that the assessment of the impacts are correct.</p>
<p><b>Question 8:</b> Are there any impacts of these proposals which Ofcom has not recognised in this document?</p>	<p>Confidential? N</p> <p>No</p>
<p><b>Question 9:</b> Do you agree with our assessment of the potential impact of our proposals on the Welsh language? Please provide further information and/or evidence in support of your response.</p>	<p>Confidential? N</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p><b>Question 10:</b> Do you think our proposal could be formulated or revised to ensure, or increase, positive effects, or reduce/eliminate any negative effects, on opportunities to use the Welsh language and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English?</p>	<p>Confidential? – N</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p><b>Question 11:</b> Do you agree with our proposed compliance principles?</p>	<p>Confidential? – N</p> <p>Yes</p>

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