

Your response

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<p>Question 1: Do you agree with the planning principles and methodologies that we will use in our work to refine the coverage area plan for small-scale DAB?</p>	<p>I Agree. Yes</p>
<p>Question 2: Do you agree with our proposed approach to the required technical licence conditions for small-scale radio multiplex services, and the proposed amendments to the Digital Radio Technical Code?</p>	<p>I Agree. Yes</p>
<p>Question 3: Do you agree with Ofcom's proposed approach to setting the level of reserved capacity for C-DSP services on small-scale radio multiplex services?</p>	<p>I Agree. Yes</p>
<p>Question 4: Do you agree with the factors we are proposing to take into account of in deciding the order and timescale in which Ofcom will advertise small-scale radio multiplex licences?</p>	<p>I Agree. Yes</p>
<p>Question 5: Do you agree with our proposed approach for assessing the technical plans submitted in small-scale radio multiplex licence applications?</p>	<p>I Agree. Yes</p>
<p>Question 6: Do you agree with our proposed approach for assessing the ability of applicants to establish their proposed small-scale radio multiplex service?</p>	<p>I Agree. Yes</p>
<p>Question 7: Should Ofcom require that the studio of a C-DSP licensee be located within the coverage area of the small-scale radio multiplex service it plans to broadcast on? Please explain the reasons for your view.</p>	<p>Yes. This is necessary to confirm social gain, local content and a commitment to the area to be served by the C-DSP licence holder.</p>
<p>Question 8: We propose that holders of corresponding analogue community radio and DSP licences apportion their income equally across their licences, unless there are compelling reasons why a different</p>	<p>In practice the weakness of this rule is that it does not allow for cost inflation and its impact on service delivery especially if two or more sites may be required within a permitted service area. The methodology and limitation</p>

apportionment is reasonable. Do you agree with our suggested approach?

on income should be marked for a future review setting the minimum figure at say, £20,000, such variation surely permissible within existing powers held by Ofcom. Subconsciously, whilst that level of income may seem achievable, the very nature of community radio is that it is volunteer driven and often grant dependent. Start up, running, and maintenance costs are not immune from increase, and limitations to income generation from revenue raising activities may occur. The sector would be better served in allowing a greater level of income generation and retention without penalty. Also, the present concept assumes economies of scale which simply may not be attainable, particularly in diverse rural communities often best suited to C-DSP.

Question 9: Do you agree with our proposal that a prospective C-DSP service provider will be able to apply for a C-DSP licence once we have invited applications for the small-scale radio multiplex licence upon which their proposed C-DSP service is intended to be provided?

I Agree. Yes