

# LOCAL RADIO SERVICE UNDERGOING CHANGE OF CONTROL: REVIEW OF EFFECTS OF CHANGE OF CONTROL

(in accordance with sections 355 & 356 of the Communications Act 2003)

## AL099/2 – FORTH ONE (Edinburgh)

### EXISTING FORMAT

#### Description of Service:

**A CONTEMPORARY AND CHART MUSIC AND INFORMATION STATION FOR UNDER 40s IN THE EDINBURGH AREA**

#### Detail:

Music programming will be predominantly (up to 90%) current chart hits, new releases or hits up to 15 years old. The main mix should be spiced with Scottish pop or rock and/or other hits. Specialist music programmes for the target audience, which complement the main music mix, may be broadcast in non daytime, and should include soul, rock and music targeted at Edinburgh youth.

The station will be music-led, but information, sport, entertainment and features of particular local relevance will be in evidence throughout programming, with bulletins containing local news run at least hourly during peak-time. National or regional news will feature at other times. Speech should account for at least 10% of daytime output.

### REVIEW OF EXISTING PROGRAMME SERVICE

#### *Scheduling and duration of any specific programmes (music, speech, local or linguistic) required by the Format.*

*Youth-targeted programming airs 1900-2200hrs: includes 'on demand' jukebox feature, and interviews with current acts. Sundays-Thursday are chart-oriented; Fridays are dance-oriented.*

*Dance music show: Friday 2200-0100hrs; Saturdays 1900-2200hrs*

#### *Content, duration and scheduling of any specific programmes (music, speech, local or linguistic) the station has currently or recently been broadcasting not specifically required by the Format*

*Scottish Chart Show (Saturdays, 1300-1600hrs)(locally produced and presented)*

#### *Quantity of programming currently automated, and when scheduled.*

*None.*

#### *Quantity of programming currently being broadcast that is syndicated and/or networked, and when scheduled.*

*Overnight output is shared with sister service Forth 2 (up to 5hrs, 0100-0600hrs), all co-branded as Radio Forth (also taken by Radio Borders);  
Hit 40 UK – Sundays, 1600-1900*

**Arrangements in place for the compilation, production and presentation of local news (e.g. any sharing of resources with other radio stations, local newspapers or other sources).**

*All daytime bulletins throughout the week (i.e. between hours of 0600-1900 Mondays-Fridays; 0800-1400 weekends) are locally produced & presented.*

*Outwith these times Forth uses SRH's Scottish News Service for its national/international bulletins, which air most hours overnight.*

#### **ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS OF CHANGE OF CONTROL IN RELATION TO:**

**i) local material and locally-made programmes:**

It appears to Ofcom that the relevant change of control would not be prejudicial to the provision of local material or locally-made programmes.

**ii) character of the service:**

It appears to Ofcom that the relevant change of control would not be prejudicial to the character of the service.

**iii) quality and range of programmes included in the service:**

It appears to Ofcom that the relevant change of control would not be prejudicial to the quality and range of programmes included in the service.

#### **SUGGESTED VARIATIONS TO THE LICENCE (IF ANY)**

**None.**

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