

Belfast independent local radio licence applications

Questions and responses: Radio Belfast

These are the responses received from Radio Belfast to the non-confidential questions asked by Ofcom regarding the group's application for the Belfast licence.

1. Please define the difference between “founder” and “ordinary” shares (p.8)?

Founder shares are issued to Q102.9FM, the founder member of the company Radio Belfast Ltd. The shares are issued at the price of 30pence to reflect the history, expertise and reputation of the Q102.9FM group and the work put in by the group towards this licence. Ordinary shares are allocated to outside shareholders, in this case William O'Donnell.

2. Could you please clarify the maximum extent to which Radio Belfast would automate programming?

Radio Belfast will not broadcast automated programmes. As detailed on page 20 of the application, occasional sequences may be broadcast using the hard disc system. These will be pre-recorded interviews and features but played out by the presenter.

3. Please clarify how the terms 'current' and 'recurrent' would be defined in the context of the music policy described in the Format?

Current refers to either new releases and tracks in the current Top 40 chart. Recurrent refers to recent chart tracks that are up to eighteen months old.