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Consultation question:

Should regional radio station Capital FM (Scotland) be permitted to make the changes to its Character of Service as proposed with particular regard to the statutory criteria as set out in the summary? (The Broadcasting Act 1990 Section 106 (1A) (b) and (d) relating to Format changes).

The parent company have continually failed to respond to the concerns of listeners to beat 106, xfm Scotland and now Capitol. New music previously was key to the stations output, but this change to scheduling and programming will reduce the opportunities for young musicians to have an outlet for their talent. The music industry is already in a decline due to the way we buy, listen and make music. Having an outlet for new music in Scotland is vital and previous incarnations of the station broke many top flight bands eg. The View, Glasvegas, Franz Ferdinand and the dykeenies to name a few would not have had the exposure if it weren't for new music shows. Capitol fm have a duty and responsibility to young musicians to continue producing new music shows.