

Note of the Thirty-Ninth Meeting of the Ofcom Community Radio Fund Panel

Held on Tuesday 7 February 2023 via Microsoft Teams

Chair's Introduction

1. The Chair welcomed to the Panel meeting the members and broadcast licensing team representatives, who were in attendance for the whole meeting. The Chair welcomed Alan Stewart, observing the meeting ahead of beginning his tenure as a Panel member in 2023-24.

Item 1: Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 July 2022

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 July 2022, previously circulated to the Panel, were **AGREED** as an accurate record.

Item 2: Matters arising

3. There were no matters arising that were not being dealt with under items of the Agenda.

Item 3: Grant reports and sector update

4. The Panel **HEARD** a verbal report on the community radio sector.
5. The Panel were **INFORMED** about the progress of SSDAB licensing, including that a number of C-DSP services were broadcasting on live multiplexes. The Panel **HEARD** that in the coming rounds, more C-DSPs would become eligible to apply for funding.

Item 4: Community Radio Fund applications

6. The Panel **NOTED** that 46 applications had been submitted, requesting grants totalling £854,085.
7. The Panel gave full and careful consideration to each application and awarded grants which amounted to a total of £249,921 to 17 applicants. A total of 29 applications from those under consideration were not awarded grants.

Item 5: Summary of Decisions

8. The Panel **AGREED** that a statement would be drafted and signed off by the Chair on behalf of the Panel. This would then be published on Ofcom's website. It should include information on the grants, as well as issues of note, which were discussed and agreed by the Panel.

Item 6: Any Other Business

9. The Panel and Ofcom placed on record their thanks to the Chair for her years of service on the Panel, both as a Panel member and then subsequently as Chair.

Item 7: Date of Next Meeting

10. It was **AGREED** that the next meeting would be held in the summer of 2023 to award funding in the first round of 2023-24. It was further **AGREED** that a date for the meeting would be set by email nearer the time.
11. There being no further business the meeting closed.