

**John Grierson**

**Additional comments:**

The time has surely come to let Community Radio off the leash and trust those who have been trusted enough to award them broadcast licences to behave with decency, responsibility and adhere to the laws of the land. In terms of the financial and fiscal structure of Community Radio It was suggested by Ed Vaizey, the Minister responsible for broadcast matters, in his comment on a 2015 DCMS consultation that allowing Community Radio stations free rein to attract as much advertising revenue as possible would "turn Community Radio in Commercial Radio" - demonstrating a catastrophic failure to understand the nature of Community Radio and of the people who seek and obtain broadcast licences. It reflects the dismal strength of the Commercial Radio lobby which actively dislikes anything that may look like new forms of broadcast licenced competition.

In terms of the programming content of Community Radio, it might be useful for Ofcom to revisit the mechanism which produces Commercial Radio licence documents that are 22 pages long.

**Question 1: Do you agree with the proposal to revise Key Commitments as set out in this consultation? Please explain the reasons for your view.:**

Yes, but see my comment above