

Name and title under which you would like this response to appear:

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What are your comments on these proposals?:

6.1*:
Strongly Agree.

6.2*:
Agree

6.3*:
Strongly Agree

6.4*:
Strongly Agree

6.5*:
Strongly Agree

6.6:
Very Strongly Agree

6.7*:
Agree

6.8*:
Agree

6.9*:
Limit should be abolished or raised to 75% provided that 6.10 (volunteer time costing) is included thus making it possible to 'dilute' non-commercial funding. 'Editorial independence' should be judged elsewhere not by sources of funding. With targets for 'Local Area Agreements' being 'commissioned' by Local Strategic Partnerships using a 'pooling' of resources we need to ensure that funding streams that until now have been separate and distinct are not, once they are combined, judged to be one source.

6.10*:
Strongly Agree. The phrase "Time is money" is true. A donation of 'time' has a 'value'. Volunteer time to be calculated on Nationally agreed scales eg European Social Fund rates.

6.11:
Strongly Agree

6.12*
Strongly Disagree. Community Radio is about the local community. The 'community

of interest' must be a local community of interest that 'lives' within the locality rather than being a 'community of interest' that is 'grafted' into a locality.

6.13:
Agree

6.14*:
Agreement on extension of the licenced period and the possible need for a common end date.
Have to strongly disagree on the "on one occasion only". A community radio service should not be forced to end because it has reached the end of its second licenced period.
There must also be the opportunity for Community Radio stations to continue on an appropriate 'media' in the event of a switch off of analogue services.

6.15*:
All these restrictions should be removed. Any radio station willing to be classed as a community radio station and that is willing to comply with and be regulated as a 'community radio station' should be able to 'enjoy the benefits' of 'public funding etc'.

6.16:
The benefit of community radio should be made available to as wide a range of people as possible. Services seeking to meet the needs of several 'communities' should be given preference over services seeking to meet the need of one community should be given preference in areas where possible frequencies are in limited supply.
In the example given, two small services should be licenced rather than one 'larger'.