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**What are your comments on these proposals?:**

Community radio licensing and regulation

6.1\*: Yes, should be retained, but perhaps in a more general and less formal way

6.2\*: Ofcom have to remember that funding generally only comes when things are in place, such as premises and the award of the full time license, it is difficult to prove this requirement for stations that aren't up and running already.

6.5\*: Quality support is most important, where is the support coming from, i.e. should be key organisations, council, local community groups, not quantity - support is important.

6.9\*: The limit should be set around 70% but could be by negotiation with the station.

6.10\*: Volunteer time should be valued, a benchmark could be the National Minimum wage in force at the time.

6.11: There should be no changes to the categories of person prohibited from holding a community radio licence.

6.12\* This rule should be relaxed, not removed, the applicants should have to satisfy Ofcom that it would not prejudice the delivery of the service.

6.13: Ofcom needs to ensure that community radio services operate within the terms of the relevant legislation. The process of feedback has not yet begun, as no station has been on-air long enough. It is not therefore possible to assess the advantages or shortcomings of the existing system. For this reason, Ofcom is not proposing specific alterations to the level of feedback required at this time.

6.14\*: This should be done on the proviso no other group wants to compete for the licence in the same area, perhaps a notification that letter of intent should be

submitted by a certain date to force an application process.

6.15\*: In no other industry does this nanny like protection of local commercial radio happen, local commercial radio should not be protected any more than the local shop keeper is protected from the national supermarket, more so if the local commercial radio station is part of a group.