

Key Commitments change request form

Community radio station name:	Corby Radio
Licence number:	CR000185
Licensee (company name):	Corby FM Ltd
Contact name:	Des Barber
Date of request:	9 September 2022

Details of requested change(s) to Key Commitments

A community radio operator may apply to Ofcom to have the station's Key Commitments amended.

Please complete the table overleaf by including your current Commitment in the left hand column and your proposed revised Commitment in the centre column. In the right hand column please give a brief explanation as to why you wish to make each change.

We also require you to complete a second table which asks you to explain your proposed changes with reference to the statutory framework.

If you do not provide an explanation for your proposed changes and a completed comparison table, Ofcom cannot consider a Key Commitments change.

Please complete this form and return it to: broadcast.licensing@ofcom.org.uk

Existing Commitment (as in your published Key Commitments) Please only include one commitment change per row, and add more rows as necessary into the table.	Proposed revised/new Key Commitment	Reason for proposed change
The service provides original output for a minimum of 15 hours per day.	The service provides original output for a minimum of 9 hours per day.	We are struggling to fulfil our 15 hours a day as it is not realistic for us anymore and puts a lot of strain on our resources.

Statutory requirements

Under section 106(1A)(a)-(f) of the Broadcasting Act 1990 (as amended and modified¹) Ofcom must be satisfied that your proposed changes **meet at least one of the criteria referred to below**.

Please indicate which of these criteria you believe your proposed changes satisfy by deleting YES or NO as applicable and provide an explanation for why you consider a particular criterion is met in the relevant box. You should note that even if Ofcom is of the opinion that your explanation of your proposed changes meets one or more of these criteria, there may still be reasons why Ofcom is unable to consent to the change. When explaining your proposed changes, it is not enough to state that you believe one of the criteria is met. You must also demonstrate *why* you consider that at least one of these criteria is met.

In particular, if Ofcom is not satisfied that the changes would not substantially alter the character of the service (criterion (a) below), Ofcom cannot consent to the change without consulting on your proposals.² If this is the case, we will contact you to confirm that you are happy for us to consult on your proposed changes, and whether you wish to make any changes to your request in light of the need to make it public.

As part of our consideration of your request to make changes to your Key Commitments, we require applicants to provide an explanation for **at least one** of the criteria below.

(a) In your judgement would the proposed changes substantially alter the character of the service?	YES/NO (Please explain why below)
No. We aim to improve this over time. It has proven very difficult to take on new Presenters as technology has become more accessible to broadcast from home but we will continue to seek to fill any gaps in our schedule over the coming months to facilitate more live hours."	
(b) Do you consider that the proposed changes would narrow the range of programmes available by way of relevant independent radio services to persons comprising the relevant community?	YES/NO (Please explain why below)
No, our programs will remain in place as always.	
(c) Do you believe that there is evidence that, amongst persons comprising that community, there is a significant demand for, or significant support for, the changes that you have proposed?	YES/NO (Please explain why below)
Yes, This will take some pressure of the management and team until new Presenters and volunteers can be recruited which is in process.	
(d) Do you consider that your proposed changes would be prejudicial to the access by members of that community to the	YES/NO (Please explain why below)

¹ As amended by sections 312 and 313 of the Communications Act 2003 and modified by the Community Radio Order 2004.

² Ofcom may approve a change under any of criteria (b), (c), (d) and (e) without consultation, or after a consultation of less than 28 days, if Ofcom considers that to hold a consultation at all, or for 28 days or more, would result in a delay that would be likely to prejudice the interests of the licensee. Ofcom may also remove for the purposes of consultation any confidential information submitted by the licensee.

facilities used for the provision of the service and for training in the use of those facilities?	
There will be no changes to what we offer our listeners or facilities.	
(e) Do you consider that the proposed changes would be prejudicial to the delivery of social gain resulting from the provision of the service provided under your licence?	YES/NO (Please explain why below)
No, there will be no changes to what we continually do to interact within our Community.	

<p>Please set out below any additional information and/or evidence you wish to provide in support of your proposed changes.</p> <p>In particular, you may wish to outline how you think your proposed change(s) fit(s) within Ofcom's published guidance on changes to Key Commitments (https://www.ofcom.org.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0017/31913/kc-changes-guidance.pdf).</p>
<p>We assure you that we will continue to strive to improve our output, service and our high profile within our community, attending events supporting local charities and organisations as we have done for the last 13 years.</p>

Data Protection

We require the information requested in this form in order to carry out our licensing duties under the Broadcasting Act 1990, Broadcasting Act 1996 and Communications Act 2003. Please see Ofcom's [General Privacy Statement](https://www.ofcom.org.uk/about-ofcom/foi-dp/general-privacy-statement) (<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/about-ofcom/foi-dp/general-privacy-statement>) for further information about how Ofcom handles your personal information and your corresponding rights.

Amended May 2018

Statutory requirements

The request was AGREED, because Ofcom was satisfied in relation to Section 106(1A)(a) of the Broadcasting Act 1990 (as modified by the Community Radio Order 2004, and further modified by the Community Radio (Amendment) Orders 2010 and 2015) i.e. that the change would not substantially alter the character of the service, and for the policy reasons given below.

The licensee is proposing to make a reduction in its original output requirement from 15 hours per day to nine hours per day, a reduction of 40%. The Licensee wishes to make this change to better reflect the volunteer resources it has available, and it says it will take some pressure off the station's management team while they seek to recruit more volunteers and presenters. The Licensee aims to improve its provision of original output over time as it recruits new presenters.

Ofcom is satisfied that this change will not substantially alter the character of the programme service provided by Corby Radio, and that the licensee will be able to continue to meet its overall Key Commitment to be "an informative, relevant and entertaining community radio station to the target community" regardless of the reduction in original output hours. An original output requirement of nine hours per day is not unusually low for a community radio service, and should not hinder the Licensee's ability to provide social gain to its target community through the provision of the on-air service. We are also encouraged to see that the Licensee is already in the process of actively recruiting new presenters and volunteers, so that it will be able to increase its original output offering over time.

In terms of our policy criteria, Ofcom is satisfied that the change will not affect the station's ability to meet the community radio 'characteristics of service' set out in the legislation, and for the reasons set out above, we judge the extent of the impact of the change on the character of service to be small. We have therefore decided to exercise our discretion to approve this change.

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