

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

Held on Tuesday 21 January 2020 at Riverside House, London

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 Panel formally thanked an Executive colleague for her knowledge and expertise on Community Radio and her work over the years on the Community Radio Fund.

Item 1: Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 June 2019

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 June 2019, 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 on the Agenda.

Items 3 and 4: Grant Reports and sector update

4. The Panel **HEARD** a verbal report on the community radio sector, including the support available to Community Radio stations during the pandemic.

5. The Panel were **INFORMED** that current applicants who have previously received an award are up to date with interim and final reporting for previous or existing awards.

Item 5: Community Radio Fund applications

6. The Panel **NOTED** that 40 applications had been submitted, requesting grants totalling £769,632.

7. The Panel gave full and careful consideration to each application and awarded grants which amounted to a total of £245,408 to 15 applicants. A total of 25 applications from those under consideration were not awarded grants.

Item 6: Summary of Decisions

8. The Panel **AGREED** that a statement summarising the Panel's decisions to award the grants would be published in due course on Ofcom's website.

Item 7: Any Other Business

9. There was no other business to discuss.

Item 8: Date of Next Meeting

10. A meeting was set for 20 June 2020 for the purpose of considering the first round of awards for 2020-21.

11. There being no further business the meeting closed.