

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

Held on Wednesday 27 May 2020 via Microsoft Teams

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 the Ofcom team for processing the large amount of applications received for this round.

Item 1: Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 January 2020

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 January 2020, 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 202 applications had been submitted, requesting grants totalling £1,820,843.

7. The Panel gave full and careful consideration to each application and awarded grants which amounted to a total of £333,152 to 81 applicants. A total of 121 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. Due to the emergency nature of the funding round for this year, names and amounts of individual grants should not be included.

Item 7: Any Other Business

9. There was no other business to discuss.

Item 8: Date of Next Meeting

10. It was **AGREED** that the next meeting would be held later in the year to award the remainder of the Fund for the year. A specific date was not set.

11. There being no further business the meeting closed.