

# Community Digital Sound Programme (C-DSP) licence)

# Application form - Part A (public)

Name of applicant (i.e. the body corporate that will hold the licence):

Cutting Edge Communications PVT LTD

Proposed service name:

Spice Digital

Radio multiplex service(s) on which the proposed C-DSP service is to be provided (note this must be a small-scale multiplex area either previously advertised or currently being advertised by Ofcom as shown in the multiplex licence advertisement)

Bradford

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## 1. Overview

You should complete this form if you are applying for a community digital sound programme licence ("C-DSP"). You can find further information about C-DSP services in the <u>guidance notes for licensees</u> and <u>applicants</u>.

This application form is divided into two parts – **Part A** (which we will publish on our website) and **Part B** (which will be kept confidential). This document constitutes Part A; <u>Part B of the application form</u> is available on our website.

If you encounter any issues using these forms, please contact <a href="mailto:broadcast.licensing@ofcom.org.uk">broadcast.licensing@ofcom.org.uk</a>.

### The purpose of this form

You should complete this form if you are applying for a Community Digital Sound Programme (C-DSP) licence.

A digital sound programme service intended for broadcast by means of a local or small-scale radio multiplex service requires either a C-DSP licence or a local DSP licence. Ofcom's published guidance notes set out some of the key issues that potential applicants need to consider in deciding which type of licence is suitable for them. In summary, C-DSP services are not run for financial gain and are required to provide social gain. C-DSP licences therefore include strict conditions to ensure that happens, and provide less flexibility than a local DSP licence. However, they do provide access to capacity that small-scale radio multiplex service providers are required to reserve solely for C-DSP services.

A C-DSP licence will be required even if the same programme service is also provided on any other platforms (e.g. FM, satellite), as separate licences are required for those.

As noted above, small-scale radio multiplex services will have reserved capacity for C-DSP services. Issue of a C-DSP licence does not, however, guarantee carriage on a small-scale (or local) radio multiplex service. That is a matter for agreement between the C-DSP licensee and the multiplex service provider, and there may be more C-DSP licenses issued in a locality than there are reserved slots on the small-scale radio multiplex service. Note that a C-DSP service does not necessarily have to broadcast using reserved capacity. It can use unreserved capacity on a small-scale radio multiplex service or capacity on a local radio multiplex service, again subject to agreement with the multiplex service provider.

An application for a C-DSP licence will be accepted only once Ofcom has advertised the licence for the small-scale radio multiplex service upon which the proposed C-DSP service is intended to be provided. There is no closing-date by which an application for a C-DSP licence must be submitted (i.e. it can be submitted at any time after the licence for the relevant small-scale radio multiplex licence has been advertised).

You can find further information about how to determine if a service requires a C-DSP licence in Section 2 of the guidance notes for applicants and licensees.

#### **Provision of information**

Ofcom requires complete and accurate information to assess applications. This is so that we can assess your application against statutory criteria, consider whether those involved in the body applying for a licence are 'fit and proper' to hold a licence, and determine whether their involvement with other organisations disqualifies them from participation in a licence.

It is an offence under the Broadcasting Act 1996 (as amended) to provide false information or withhold relevant information during the application process, and may be grounds for revocation of a licence subsequently granted.

# Publication of information about applications and licensed services

Information provided in **Part A** of the application form will typically be published by Ofcom in our Monthly Radio Update publication the month following the submission of your application. This may take longer if the application is received late in the month. Information provided in **Part B** will not be published.

In submitting this application you agree that, should a licence be granted, Ofcom may publish contact details for the licensee (specified in Section 2 of Part B of the application form), which may include personal data, on the Ofcom website and/or in other relevant publications. If you have any questions about the information that we publish, or there are any changes to this information, you should contact the Broadcast Licensing team by email (broadcast licensing@ofcom.org.uk).

Ofcom considers issued C-DSP licences to be public documents and copies of licences will be made available to third parties on request albeit, other than the Key Commitments which are tailored to the service, C-DSP licences are standard form documents. A brief description of the licensed service will be published on the Ofcom website, along with the Key Commitments which form part of the licence.

Ofcom publishes a <u>monthly radio licensing update</u> which lists new services licensed, new applications, licences revoked, licence transfers, and changes to licensed services during the past month.

## **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 <u>General Privacy Statement</u> for further information about how Ofcom handles your personal information and your corresponding rights.

## Keeping up to date with broadcasting matters

We strongly recommend that the appropriate person at the applicant body signs up to receive Ofcom's regular email updates on broadcasting matters including notification when the Broadcast and On Demand Bulletin is published.

To sign up to receive these communications, you must visit the <u>email updates</u> area of our website and select 'Broadcasting.'			

# 2. Applicant's details

#### **About this section**

In this section we are asking you for details about the applicant company. This must be a body corporate which is not profit distributing.

In the first part of this section, we are asking for basic details about the applicant. These include company registration number and contact information.

In the second part of this section we are asking for details of the applicant's officers (directors or, in the case of LLPs, designated members), its shareholders and participants. Where applicable, we are also asking for details of the officers of the applicant's parent and associated companies or LLPs etc.

If any of the individuals named in your responses are known by more than one name/version of their name, all names must be provided.

Certain persons are disqualified from holding a C-DSP licence. This section asks the questions which enable us to consider this for those types of disqualification which apply specifically to bodies corporate. It also asks questions which are relevant to our assessment of the applicant's fitness and properness to hold a C-DSP licence.

Before completing this section of the form, you should read <u>Ofcom's guidance on the definition of 'control' of media companies</u>. Throughout this section, "control" has the meaning it is given in Part I of Schedule 2 of the Broadcasting Act 1990.

The response boxes and tables should be expanded or repeated where necessary, or provided in a separate annex.

'Officerships' in this section refers to: directorships of bodies corporate, designated memberships of LLPs, or membership of a governing body of an unincorporated association (including partnerships).

#### **Applicant information and contact details**

2.1	Name of app	licant (i.e.	. the body	/ corporate <sup>-</sup>	that will	hold the	e licence):	:
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Cutting edge communications PVT LTD

2.2 Company registration number stated on Companies House:

07924041

2.3 For UK registered companies, the address of the applicant's registered office stated on Companies House.

For non-UK registered companies, the principal office address:

544 Great Horton Road, Bradford, West Yorkshire, UK, BD7 3HG

2.4 If a UK registered company, is the current Memorandum and Articles of Association document available on the Companies House website?

Yes

If no, please submit the up to date document and indicate you have done so in the checklist in Section 4 of Part B.

2.5 Contact details of the individual duly authorised by the applicant for the purposes of making this application. This individual should be the company secretary, a director or (if an LLP) designated member.

(If you are an agent completing the form on behalf of the applicant please do not enter your details here – see paragraph 2.25 of the <u>guidance notes</u>).

Full name	Saeed Ahmed
Job title	Director
Address	11 Middlebrook walk Bradford, BD8 0ER
Telephone	07780663666
Mobile	07780663666
Email	Sahmed.bco@gmail.com

2.6 If the proposed Licensed Service has/will have a website, please provide the website address below.

www.spicedigitaluk.com

2.7 How will the service be financed? If the applicant is receiving, or is likely to receive, any form of funding and/or financial assistance to establish and maintain the service, please provide details of who is providing that funding/financial assistance and the extent of it.

If you are receiving funding from, or on behalf of, a source that could be considered a political organisation or a religious body, you must set out the nature of that organisation here.

The service will be funded through a combination of local advertising revenue, community donations, and interest-free loans provided by the directors. We also plan to apply for funding opportunities available through Bradford Council and local grant-making organisations that support community initiatives.

#### Ownership and control of the company which will hold the licence

#### Details of officers, participants and shareholders of the applicant

2.8 Complete the following table, expanding it if necessary, to provide the following details for each director or designated member of the applicant (i.e. the body corporate that will hold the licence):

Full name of individual	Correspondence address <sup>1</sup>	Country of residence	Other officerships held (and nature of the business concerned)	Other employment
Saeed Ahmed	544 Great Horton Road, Bradford, BD7 3HG	United Kingdom	N/A	Self-Employed
Shaid Munir	544 Great Horton Road, Bradford, BD7 3HG	United Kingdom	N/A	Self-Employed

2.9 Complete the following table, expanding it if necessary, to list all bodies which hold or are beneficially entitled to shares, or who possess voting powers, amounting to more than 5% in the applicant ("participants"). If you are unable to provide a complete answer to this question in relation to beneficial owners, please state whether you have any reason to suspect the existence of any beneficial owners.

Full name of >5% participant (existing and pro-posed)	Number of shares	Total investment (£s)	Total investment (%)	% of voting rights
N/A				
Comments				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This should be the same address as is held and published by Companies House.

Complete the following table, expanding if necessary, to identify any entities with which the
applicant is affiliated. By affiliated, we mean companies that are related through ownership,
either with one company being a minority shareholder in the other, or through multiple
companies being owned by a third party.

(If this question is not applicable to the applicant please respond "N/A" in the table.)

Full name of the entity	Address
N/A	N/A

2.11 Complete the following table, expanding it if necessary, to list any bodies corporate which are controlled by the applicant, and their affiliates:

(If this question is not applicable to the applicant please respond "N/A" in the table.)

Full name of the entity	Address	Affiliates
N/A		

#### Details of persons who control the applicant

2.12 Complete the following table, expanding it if necessary, to list all persons who control the applicant, together with their affiliates. If any persons or bodies control the applicant jointly because they act together in concert (e.g. because of a shareholder's agreement), each such person must be identified here:

(If this question is not applicable to the applicant please respond "N/A" in the table.)

Full name of individual or body	Address	Affiliates
None	None	None

2.13 Complete the following table, expanding it if necessary, to list all officerships in other bodies that are held by any individual listed in response to question 2.12, and any affiliates of those bodies. An "officership" refers to being a director of a body corporate, designated member

of a limited liability partnership, or member of the governing body of an unincorporated association:

(If this question is not applicable to the applicant please respond "N/A" in the table)

Full name of individual	Name of body in which officership held	Affiliates of that body
N/A		

2.14 Complete the following table, expanding it if necessary, to list all bodies corporate which are controlled by any body corporate listed in response to question 2.12, and their affiliates:

(If this question is not applicable to the applicant please respond "N/A" in the table)

Full name of body corporate listed in 2.11	Body corporate controlled	Affiliates of body corporate controlled
N/A		

2.15 In relation to each body corporate identified in response to question 2.12, complete the following table, expanding it if necessary, to list all bodies which hold or are beneficially entitled to shares, or who possess voting powers, amounting to more than 5% in the body corporate concerned (i.e. "participants"). You may, but are not required to, exclude from this table any bodies listed in response to question 2.12. If you are unable to provide a complete answer to this question in relation to beneficial owners, please state whether you have any reason to suspect the existence of any beneficial owners.

(If this question is not applicable to the applicant please respond "N/A" in the table)

Name of body corporate identified in response to question 2.11				
Full name of >5% participant	Number of shares	Total investment (£s)	Total investment (%)	% of voting rights
N/A				
Comments				
Not for profit organisation	, so no shareh	olders.		

#### Involvement of the applicant in specified activities

2.16 Please state below whether the applicant, or any of the directors, shareholders or other individuals named above, including their associates (i.e. directors of their associates and other group companies), is, or is involved in, any of the below, and the extent of that interest.

Activity/involvement	Yes / No	Please state who is involved; the name of the body/individual/agency they are involved with; and the extent of their involvement
a) A local authority	No	
b) A body whose objects are wholly or mainly of a political nature, or which is affiliated to such a body	No	
c) A body whose objects are wholly or mainly of a religious nature; <sup>2</sup>	No	
d) An individual who is an officer of a body falling within (b) or (c);	No	
e) A body corporate which is an associate (as defined in paragraphs 1(1) and 1(1A) of Part I of Schedule 2 to the Broadcasting Act 1990) of a body falling within (b) or (c);	No	
f) An advertising agency or an associate of an advertising agency	No	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Please refer to Sections 3 to 5 of <u>Ofcom's religious guidance note</u> for details on how we determine the eligibility of religious bodies to hold certain broadcasting licences.

#### Details of applications, licences and sanctions

2.17 Is the applicant (i.e. the body corporate that will hold the licence) a current licensee of Ofcom?

Yes

If yes, please provide the licence details expanding the table if necessary:

Licence number	Name of multiplex
DP104756BA/1	BBD Digital (East Lancs)
SRSL105805WT/1	MILAD FM

2.18 Has the applicant (i.e. the body corporate that will hold the licence) held an Ofcom broadcasting licence before?

Yes No

If yes, please provide the details expanding the table if necessary:

Licence number	Name of service or multiplex
SRSL100565BA/1	Hajj FM - 2014
SRSL102187BA/1	MILAD FM - 2017
SRSL102712WT/1	MILAD FM - 2018
SRSL103285WT/1	HAJJ FM - 2020
SRSL103970BA/2	RAMADAN FM -
SRSL104091WT/1	HAJJ FM - 2021
SRSL104522WT/1	HAJJ FM - 2022
SRSL104949WT/1	HAJJ – FM 2023
SRSL105307WT/1	HAJJ FM - 2024
SRSL105595WT/1	MIRAJ FM - 2025

2.19 Has anyone involved in the proposed service held an Ofcom broadcasting licence or been involved in an Ofcom-licensed broadcast service before?

No

If yes, please provide the details expanding the table if necessary:

Dates licence was held or dates of involvement	Licence number (if known)	Name of service or multiplex

2.20	Ofcom licensee?	he body corporate that will hold the licence) control an existing
	Yes	
	If yes, please provide the	e licence details expanding the table if necessary:
Licen	ice number	Name of service or multiplex
DP10	)4756BA/1	BBD Digital (East Lancs)
2.21	licensee or by any person Broadcasting Act 1990) v	body corporate that will hold the licence) controlled by an existing in who is connected (within the meaning of Schedule 2 to the with an existing licensee (i.e. as a "participant")?  The following information, expanding the table if necessary:
Licence number		Name of service or multiplex
2.22	to Ofcom (or its predece and the Radio Authority)	ny person(s) controlling the applicant - made any other application issor broadcast regulators – the Independent Television Commission for any licence which has since been surrendered by the licenses ne of its predecessor regulators)?
	If yes, please provide the	e following information, expanding the table if necessary:
Licen	ice number	Name of service or multiplex
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If yes, ple	ase provic	le the foll	lowing details expan	ding th	e table if nece	ssary:
,		Name o			etails of the investigation	
	sanction f		erson(s) controlling to			
N	0					
If yes, ple necessary		le the foll	lowing details relatin	g to ea	ach sanction ex	opanding the table
Licence number (or equivalent)	Name o	of service iplex	Nature of the breach	Sanc	tion imposed	Date sanction imposed
	pplicant – d broadca		erson(s) controlling tence?	he app	licant – ever b	een convicted of
N						
If yes, ple	ase provic	le the foll	lowing details:		I	
Full name			Date of conviction/ad (dd/mm/yy)	ction	Penalty	
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Is the applicant – or any person(s) controlling the applicant - subject to any current or

pending investigation by any statutory regulatory or government body in the United

Kingdom or abroad in respect of any broadcast-related matter?

No

2.23

2.26	Please provide any further information you hold, relating to the past conduct of the
	applicant or those individuals listed, in regulatory matters or in matters going to honesty
	and/or compliance, which may be relevant to Ofcom's consideration of whether or not the
	applicant is fit and proper to hold a broadcast licence. If the applicant or the form signatory
	fails without reasonable excuse at this point to declare any matter of which Ofcom
	subsequently becomes aware, and which we do consider to be relevant to the applicant's
	eligibility to hold a licence, we will take it into account in determining the question of
	whether the applicant/licensee remains fit and proper to hold a licence.

If you have no information to provide, please respond "N/A".

N/A			

# 3. The proposed service

#### **About this section**

This section asks you to describe your proposed service, including the Key Commitments you propose to include in your licence. This includes your service name, multiplex name and character of service, in addition to standard commitments that all C-DSP licensees need to abide by. Holders of an existing analogue community radio licence to be a simul-cast on the proposed C-DSP service can replicate the existing analogue key commitments as it is our expectation that the key commitments for simulcast services are to be in keeping with one another. If a licence is granted, the information you provide in this section will be used to form the basis of the annex to your licence. You will only be authorised to broadcast what is detailed in the annex of the licence.

In this section, you will also need to set out how your service will provide social gain, community participation and how you will be accountable to the target community. This is in line with statutory requirements for the granting of C-DSP licences. The information provided in this section is also the basis on which decisions are made.

If you hold, or intend to hold, multiple C-DSP licences, the answers given in this section and the intended delivery of your Key Commitments must apply to the locality in which your proposed service will broadcast (as set out in the Draft Key Commitments in this application form).

#### Your proposed service and target community

3.1 What is the proposed service name?

Spice Digital

3.2 On which radio multiplex service do you intend to broadcast? If the relevant radio multiplex licence has not yet been awarded, please state the name of the area that the multiplex service is intended to cover, as defined in the multiplex licence advertisement.

**Bradford** 

3.3 Where is your proposed studio located? Please note that this must be located within the coverage area of the small-scale radio multiplex service identified in answer to 3.2 (or the advertised area for a small-scale radio multiplex service that has not yet been awarded).<sup>3</sup>

544 Great Horton Road, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD7 3HG

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> If you propose to provide your service on a local, rather than a small-scale, radio multiplex service, there is no requirement for your studio to be located within the licensed area of that local radio multiplex service.

3.4 If the proposed service is a simulcast or corresponding service of an existing licensed radio service, please list that below and provide the licence number.

Yes

DP104756BA/1

3.5 What is the target community of the service? Please include the geographical area that you wish to serve in addition to the interests or characteristics that define your target community. The area you wish to serve must be geographically located within the cover-age area of the radio multiplex service on which you intend to broadcast. **Answer in fewer than 400 words**.

The studio is located within the coverage area of the multiplex service, right at the heart of the community it is designed to serve. The station's core audience primarily comprises individuals from the South Asian community or those who identify with South Asian heritage. The key languages spoken within this community include Urdu, Mirpuri, Hindi, Pahari (Pathwari), Pashto, Punjabi and English. The station will reflect this by broadcasting in all these languages.

While the primary focus will be on music and entertainment, the station will also feature culturally relevant programming with a religious emphasis during significant festivals such as Eid, Diwali, Ramadhan, Muharram, Hajj, and Vaisakhi and Christmas.

3.6 How will you ensure that your proposed C-DSP service is run on a not-for-profit basis? Please give details of specific measures or arrangements in place to ensure this, and how any profit will be wholly and exclusively used for securing or improving the future provision of the service, or for the delivery of social gain. **Answer in fewer than 400 words**.

All profits generated by the company are reinvested to support its core aims and objectives. Any financial surplus will be directed toward community benefit including developing local talent through training initiatives and contributing to wider social impact within the area and communities the station serves.

#### Social gain

3.7 What community benefits will your service bring to your target community(ies) and, if applicable, the general public. Please include summaries of evidence to support your

answer, including details about other organisations you intend to work with. **Answer in fewer than 500 words**. Please do not provide names of individuals in your answer.

We are committed to ensuring meaningful community involvement in both the operation and strategic direction of the station. This will be achieved through initiatives such as an Annual General Meeting, a structured membership scheme, and ongoing community consultation, including the use of online surveys. The station will serve as a platform for the community to express its voice and engage in dialogue around key social issues: including health, education, employment, and challenges such as anti-social behaviour and substance misuse. Our studios are based in Bradford, a city where these concerns are regularly raised with local councillors and community leaders.

In previous RSL broadcasts, we have provided a space for residents to share their views and actively participate in addressing local issues. We have also supported the development of new talent, with several of our former trainee presenters going on to secure roles at established community radio stations.

3.8 Please summarise how your service will facilitate discussion and the expression of opinion.

Answer in fewer than 200 words.

We will encourage open dialogue and expression of opinion through our programming, as well as through off-air activities such as community forums, action research, surveys, and questionnaires. Our aim is to promote mutual understanding and strengthen community cohesion by facilitating meaningful discussions and group-based engagement.

Community members will play an active role in the station's operations and management, ensuring it remains responsive to local needs. On-air debates and discussions will not only provide a space for diverse voices but will also help shape the creative direction and strategic focus of the station.

3.9 How will you ensure that members of your target community(ies) can gain access to the facilities used to provide your service, and receive training in using these? In particular, please set out how this will be done practically, formally and/or informally. **Answer in fewer than 400 words**.

Our policies are designed to actively involve the community in the station's operation, including offering opportunities for training in broadcasting skills. These opportunities will be open to all members of the public. Our communication strategy will promote open dialogue and offer multiple accessible options to ensure inclusion, particularly for older adults and individuals with disabilities. All training sessions will be available to everyone.

3.10 How will your service provide better understanding of your target community and the strengthening of links within it? **Answer in fewer than 200 words**.

Regular consultation with the community—particularly in community languages—will enhance accessibility and strengthen local connections. Celebrating cultural festivals will also foster mutual understanding among diverse groups. In addition, off-air engagement and outreach work, especially with marginalised and isolated communities, will promote social cohesion and help guide the station's strategic direction.

3.11 Please summarise the relevant experience of the group or its members in activities related to the provision of social gain or other relevant non-broadcast areas (such as third sector, training or education). **Answer in fewer than 200 words**.

All the Directors possess both current and past experience in community work, including efforts to promote community cohesion and engagement with grassroots groups—for example, involvement with the drug and alcohol abuse information group in Bradford.

#### **Participation**

3.12 How do you propose to ensure that members of your target community(ies) are given opportunities to participate in the operation and management of the service? **Answer in fewer than 400 words**.

We will offer free media training sessions and open days to encourage community members to join the organisation. Subcommittees will be established to advise the executive group on the station's operations and strategic direction. The executive group will consist of community representatives from diverse ethnicities, countries of origin, religions, and heritages to ensure decisions are fair and well-informed. Additionally, our board will maintain gender balance and avoid any bias.

#### **Accountability**

3.13 How will members of your target community contact your service and influence its operation? **Answer in fewer than 300 words**.

Our open-door policy allows people to contact and communicate with the station through various channels, including walking into the studio, visiting our website, making phone calls, and connecting via social media.

3.14 How will suggestions and/or criticisms from members of your target community(ies) be considered and acted upon? **Answer in fewer than 300 words**.

We maintain an active listening policy and take all criticism and constructive feedback seriously. As a community organisation, our policies reflect this commitment, and we hold ourselves accountable to the community we serve.

#### **Draft Key Commitments**

Below is an example of the licence annex where the Key Commitments appear. Should a licence be awarded, the entries you provide below will form the Key Commitments section of your licence. Holders of a community radio analogue licence that is to be simulcast, or a corresponding service, are expected to provide key commitments that are in line with their existing service(s). As such, applicants may refer to the existing key commitments of the relevant simulcast or corresponding service(s) to ensure that the draft below is in line with those of the existing service(s).

Please provide entries where specified in **BOLD** below. The information you enter here should reflect your answers to Sections 3 and 4 of the Part A of your completed Application Form. This will form the basis of your Key Commitments alongside the mandatory text in italics. Do not amend the text in italics as every service is required to comply with these requirements, but the details of how each service does so do not need to be included in the Key Commitments.

#### **ANNEX TO LICENCE**

#### LICENSED SERVICE NO tbo

LICENSED SERVIC	ENO toc
Licensed Service	Spice Digital
Service Description	Spice Digital
	People who belong to, or identify as part of, the South Asian community — including those who identify as South Asian, British Asian, or as having South Asian heritage — encompassing a wide range of cultural, linguistic, and national backgrounds from countries such as India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan.
	The target community includes residents of Bradford. Bradford is a diverse and multicultural city with a rich social and cultural heritage. It is home to a wide range of communities, including significant South Asian, Afro-Caribbean, Eastern European, and other ethnic groups, as well as long-established local residents. The city features vibrant community life, cultural festivals, places of worship, independent businesses making inclusive community focused media an essential tool for engagement information and cohesion.
	To deliver inclusive entertainment, information, and educational content that reflects the needs and interests of our community. We aim to empower local voices by encouraging public involvement in the station's programming, operations, and decision-making, fostering a sense of ownership, representation, and community cohesion.
	The studio of the Licensed Service is located within the coverage area of the Small-Scale Radio Multiplex Service identified above (n.b. the Licensee will not be in breach of this requirement if an existing studio ceases to fall within the coverage area merely as a result of technical changes to the Small-Scale Radio Multiplex Service outside the control of the Licensee).

	The Licensed Service shall have the characteristics of a Community Digital Sound Programme Service as set out in the 2019 Order and, in so doing, shall achieve the following objectives:
	the facilitation of discussion and the expression of opinion,
	<ul> <li>the provision (whether by means of programmes included in the service or otherwise) of education or training to individuals not employed by the person providing the service, and</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>the better understanding of the particular community and the strengthening of links within it.</li> </ul>
	Members of the target community shall contribute to the operation and management of the service.
	The service shall have mechanisms in place to ensure it is accountable to its target community in the specific area or locality.
Transmission Schedule	24 hours per day
Multiplex	Bradford

# 4. Compliance of the service

#### About this section

This section asks you to describe the compliance arrangements for the proposed licensed service, i.e. the arrangements which the applicant will put in place to ensure that the content it proposes to broadcast will comply with the relevant regulatory codes and rules for programming and advertising. These include:

- The Ofcom Broadcasting Code
- The BCAP Code: the UK Code of Broadcast Advertising
- The Regulation of Premium Rate Services Order

Condition 17 of a C-DSP licence requires that you have compliance procedures in place, and this section asks that you demonstrate your ability to meet this licence condition.

Before completing this section of the form you should read Section 4 of the <u>C-DSP guidance notes</u>, where you will also find links to the codes and rules listed above.

4.1 Please give details of all compliance training (including dates) the person named in response to either question 2.3 or 2.5 in Part B (i.e. the individual who holds overall responsibility for compliance of the service) has received in the relevant codes and rules (for example, those referred to in the box at the start of this section).

The Directors have recent and relevant training in OfCom compliance training, the BCAP code of conduct and other relevant broadcast training.

4.2 Please give details of any practical compliance experience (including dates) the person named in response to either question 2.3 or 2.5 in Part B (i.e the individual who holds overall responsibility for compliance of the service) has with respect to the relevant codes and rules.

I previously worked for Sunrise Radio in Bradford as a presenter for several years. When I first started I was coached on the broadcasting codes and therefore have a very good understanding of the broadcasting codes and am fully aware of the guidelines.

I am fully aware of what content can and cannot be aired.

Example: to make sure that religious programmes do not involve any abusive treatment of the views and beliefs of those belonging to a particular religion or religious denomination.

Example: people under 18 not to be caused distress/anxiety by involvement in programmes or by the broadcast of programmes.

Example: any charity must provide adequate charitable status before an appeal.

4.3 For each role within your compliance team please provide job title and a brief description of the functions of the role specific to ensuring compliance of the proposed service. Please do not give names of individual members of staff – this question relates to job roles rather than currently employed individuals.

The manager of the station will be responsible in making sure that the proposed service complies with all rules and regulations.

Individual presenters will also have the responsibility in ensuring that the proposed service complies with rules and regulations.

4.4 How does the applicant intend to formally train staff in compliance procedures? Please include details of the compliance training that will be given to those responsible for live programming, including compliance staff, presenters and producers.

It will be my duty to ensure that all staff are given a copy of the broadcasting codes and rules and that they make them self fully aware of its content.

I intend to have a questionnaire which will have multiple choice questions relating to the broadcasting codes. Each presenter/ team member will have to pass 97

4.5 Will the training described in response to question 4.5 be mandatory for all staff and volunteers? If not, outline who will receive it.

The above will be mandatory for everyone.

percent.

- It is a licence requirement that a licensee must ensure that all programming on its service (broadcast at any time of the day or night) complies with Ofcom's codes and rules (e.g. Ofcom's Broadcasting Code, which sets requirements on standards to be observed in programme content for the protection of the public).
  - a) Set out in detail below the systems the applicant intends to have in place to ensure it will be able to comply with the codes and rules when the service is broadcasting live content. Your response should include details of what you will do to prepare presenters and guests pre-broadcast and the process for ensuring that any non-complaint content is dealt with swiftly during the broadcast.

All live content will be monitored and I will have a delay system in place so that anything that is inappropriate can be dumped before going on air.

b) Set out in detail below how the applicant intends to ensure that pre-recorded material will comply with Ofcom's codes and rules. Pre-recorded content could include, for example, material obtained from, or streamed from, third party sources as well as content produced by the licensee.

All pre recorded content will be checked to make sure that it complies with the broadcasting codes.

All material will be listened to before going on air, also majority of the material I intend to use will be something that I have used before in my broadcasts and has been given the clear.

4.7 Please set out how you will ensure the ongoing delivery/compliance of the **on-air** character of service as set out in the Key Commitments. This should be focused on the content you will broadcast on the station.

In your answer, please ensure you include details on each of the following points:

- a) How you will monitor that the character of service is being delivered;
- b) who will be responsible for monitoring this;
- c) how often will they monitor it;
- d) how you ensure this information is published; and
- e) where the information will be published/made publicly available.

The studio manager will have the responsibility in ensuring that the key commitments are being met. This would happen in the form of weekly team meeting. A record will be kept of the meetings.

4.8 Please set out how you will ensure the ongoing delivery/compliance of the **off-air** social gain activities as set out in the Key Commitments.

In your answer, please ensure you include details on each of the following points:

- a) How you will monitor that off-air social gain activities are being delivered;
- b) who will be responsible for monitoring this;
- c) how often will they monitor it;
- d) how you ensure this information is published; and
- e) where the information will be published/made publicly available.

A second manager will be responsible to ensure that off-air social gain activities are being delivered correctly, this will be monitored with a team meeting and records will be kept of the outcome.

4.9 What language(s) does the applicant intend to broadcast in?

English, Urdu, Punjabi, Pushto, Bengali and Pothwari.

4.10 For each language listed in response to question 4.9 please provide details of how many compliance team member(s) are fluent in each language and will be responsible for ensuring that content broadcast in that language complies with the Ofcom's code and rules. Please do not give names of individual members of staff.

There will be 4 team members that are fluent in the above languages

## 5. Declaration

#### **About this section**

This form must be submitted by the applicant named in response to question 2.2. An agent may not sign the form.

The person authorised to make the declaration on behalf of the applicant must print their name and must be one of the following:

- A director of the company or the company secretary where the applicant is a company.
- A designated member where the applicant is a Limited Liability Partnership.

The declaration must also be dated.

- 5.1 I hereby apply to Ofcom for the grant of a licence for the community digital sound programme service described above and declare that the information given in this application form is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, correct.
- 5.2 I further declare and warrant:
  - a) that I am not a disqualified person within the meaning of that expression as defined in Part II of Schedule 2 to the Broadcasting Act 1990, as amended, or as a result of a disqualification order under Section 145 of the Broadcasting Act 1996;
  - b) that having made all reasonable enquiries neither the applicant nor any person controlling the applicant, as a result of the grant to me of the licence, breach any requirement of Schedule 14 to the Communications Act 2003 with regard to the accumulation of interests in broadcasting services or to the restrictions on cross-media interests; and
  - c) that the applicant is not disqualified by virtue of the provisions of section 143 (5) of the Broadcasting Act 1996 in relation to political objects and the provisions of section 144 (3) of the Broadcasting Act 1996 in relation to the provision of false information or through the withholding of information with the intention of misleading Ofcom; and
  - d) that no director or person concerned directly or indirectly in the management of the applicant is subject to a disqualification order as defined by section 145 (1) of the Broadcasting Act 1996.
- I understand that Ofcom reserves the right to revoke the licence (if granted) if at any time any material statement made to Ofcom is found to be false and to have been by the applicant or any member or officer thereof knowing it to be false. I also understand that under sections 144 and 145 of the Broadcasting Act 1996, the provision of false information could incur a criminal conviction and a disqualification from the holding of a Broad-casting Act licence. I further certify that, to the best of my knowledge, any matters which might influence Ofcom's judgement as to whether the directors and any other individuals and/or bodies corporate with substantial involvement in this application are fit and prop-er persons to participate in a radio licence, have been made known to Ofcom.

Full name (BLOCK CAPITALS) of the applicant or person authorised to make the application of behalf of the applicant:

SAEED AHMED

#### **Date of application:**

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025

I am authorised to make this application (delete as appropriate):

Company director

You also need to complete the <u>confidential section (Part B) of the application</u> <u>form</u>.