

**F.M. LOCAL RADIO SERVICE UNDERGOING CHANGE OF CONTROL:
REVIEW OF EFFECTS OF CHANGE OF CONTROL**
(in accordance with sections 355 & 356 of the Communications Act 2003)

ORIGINAL FM ABERDEEN LTD (AL324)

EXISTING FORMAT

Character of Service:

AN ADULT ALTERNATIVE STATION PLAYING AN ALBUM-LED*, CREDIBLE MIX OF ADULT-ORIENTATED MUSIC, WITH PARTICULAR APPEAL FOR 35-59 YEAR-OLDS, WITH 24-HOUR NEWS

*Album tracks which become UK Top 20 singles, or UK Top 20 singles subsequently appearing on albums, would not qualify.

Local hours and news – as per Format :

Locally-made hours	At least 10 hours a day during daytime weekdays (must include breakfast). At least 4 hours daytime Saturdays and Sundays.
Local news bulletins	At least hourly at peaktime weekdays and weekends. Outside peak, UK-wide, national and international news should feature.

Shared arrangements (if applicable)

Co-location	No arrangements
Programme sharing	No arrangements

REVIEW OF EXISTING PROGRAMME SERVICE

Scheduling and duration of any specific programmes or features required by the Format (e.g. specialist music shows, extended news bulletins, output for a specific ethnic minority, religious output, alternate language output etc).

N/A

Scheduling and duration of any such programmes or features not specifically required by the Format, but which the station is currently (or has until recently) been broadcasting regularly.

None.

Quantity of programming that is currently automated (if any), and when this is scheduled. (Note: information about the precise scheduling of automated sequences may be supplied to Ofcom in confidence).

Monday to Friday - 7pm - 6am
Friday into Saturday 7pm - 7am
Saturday into Sunday 6pm - 7am
Sunday 6pm - 6am

Quantity, scheduling, duration and nature of programming currently being broadcast that is syndicated and/or networked (if any).

None

Arrangements currently in place for the compilation, production and presentation of local news.

None.

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS OF CHANGE OF CONTROL IN RELATION TO:

i) local material and locally-made programmes:

It appears to Ofcom that the relevant change of control would not be prejudicial to the provision of local material or locally-made programmes.

ii) character of the service:

It appears to Ofcom that the relevant change of control would not be prejudicial to the character of service.

iii) quality and range of programmes included in the service:

This station is delivering its outline Format obligations.

The Format has a specialist element .. the album-led requirement .. which remains the core of the output.

It appears to Ofcom that the relevant change of control would not be prejudicial to the quality or that range of programmes.

OFCOM'S CONCLUSION AFTER MONITORING/PLAYLIST ANALYSIS AND VERBAL SCRUTINY. SUGGESTED VARIATIONS TO THE LICENCE (IF ANY)

None

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