

**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)

**SPRIT FM (AL 182-2)**

**EXISTING FORMAT**

**Character of Service:**

**A BROAD MUSIC AND INFORMATION STATION FOR WESTERN WEST SUSSEX, HIGHLY FOCUSED ON LOCAL ISSUES WITH A STRONG COMMITMENT TO LOCAL NEWS**

Local hours and news - as per Format :

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

Shared arrangements (if applicable)

<b>Co-location</b>	No arrangements
<b>Programme sharing</b>	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).*

Automation Mon – Fri 1300-1400 & 1900-0600  
Saturday 1800-0600  
Sunday 1900-0600

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

Big top 40 show Sunday 1600-1900

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

News service provided for The Quay on Saturdays

**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.

There are no specialist requirements beyond the generation of local interest items. 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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