

Issue of Broadcasting Licence for the Service 3FM.

One of the three existing Broadcasting Licences granted under the Broadcasting Act 1993 as amended ("the Act") will expire at the end of September 2014. The Communications Commission invited applications in respect of the frequencies on which the service, 3FM, currently broadcasts: 104.2MHz 105.0 MHz 106.2 MHz & 106.6 MHz.

The Commission received one application, from the existing licence holder. The character of the proposed service is stated in the application as "a melodic adult contemporary music-led service for over 30 year-olds in the Isle of Man supplemented with relevant news, information and entertainment". The original station format was targeted at over 35 year-olds.

The non-confidential parts of the application are available to view on the Publications page of the Commission website www.iomcc.im/publications.xml.

Under section 2(2A) of the Act, the Commission is required to have regard to certain matters when considering an application. These matters include:

- the ability of the applicant to maintain the proposed service;
- the extent to which the proposed service would broaden the range of programmes available to persons living on the Island, in particular the extent to which the service would cater for tastes and interests different from those already catered for by the other two radio stations;
- the extent to which the service would affect the ability of existing programme services to be maintained; and
- the extent to which any reasonable demand for programme service is or is to be met by other means.

The Commission invites feedback on this application in relation to the above matters. Please submit on or before 9th April 2014 to: Ms Sue Strang, Legislation and Policy Manager, Communications Commission, 2nd Floor, St Andrews House, Finch Road, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM1 2PX. Email: sue.strang@iomcc.im. Tel: 677022