

PUBLIC NOTICE

BROADCASTING ACT 1993

The Sound: Application for Broadcasting Licence

1. The Communications and Utilities Regulatory Authority (*the Authority*) gives notice that an application has been received for an additional FM radio station on the Island.
2. The Authority has not made any determination as to whether it would be appropriate to award an additional FM licence.
3. Any application is subject to the Authority having regard to the matters under section 2(2A) of the Broadcasting Act 1993. 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 and cater for tastes and interests different from those already catered for;
 - The extent to which the proposed service would affect the ability of an existing programme service to be maintained; and,
 - The extent to which any reasonable demand for the programme service is, or will be, met by other means.

The Authority invites representations on the above in order to inform its decision making.

4. The application that has been received is from Island FM Limited (who also hold a broadcasting licence for Energy FM) to broadcast additional radio services in the Isle of Man under the name "The Sound". Island FM Limited states that: "*The Sound is a similar format to the likes of Smooth Radio and Gold/Greatest Hits Radio in the UK and aimed predominately at the over 45s. The station plays a mixture of easy listening contemporary artist along with classic oldies and greatest hits from the 1960s through to the 1990s.*

The Sound also has daily local news bulletins and also has some weekend specialist music show such as Joey Coyne Soul Steppin' and totally 80s. We are planning to add some more specialist shows as the station matures."

The Sound is a digital radio station currently available solely over the internet.

5. Any changes made would be subject to the applicant ensuring availability of suitable frequencies from Ofcom. Ofcom retains discretion in relation to any conditions that may apply to use of the spectrum for spectrum management purposes, e.g. prevention of harmful interference. Technical conditions which may be attached to any licence issued under the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 (as extended to the Isle of Man) are determined by Ofcom.
6. A non-confidential version of the application is available to view [here](#).

Any representations should be made to the contact details below by 8th June 2021.

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