

# Business Radio Session

## Programme

- Introduction Jacqui Brookes
- Business radio and spectrum issues for FCS Tim Cull
- Business radio developments in Ofcom - **guest speaker Malika Greene,**  
**Ofcom Business Radio Policy**
- BR training proposal Michael Eagle
- FCS 1362 and FITAS accreditation Michael Eagle
- Environmental update Jacqui Brookes



# Business Radio Group

- BRG represents 100 companies
- Main spectrum and radio issues arising from 2011 Member's survey
  - Growth in digital product- business opportunities
  - Access to spectrum from Ofcom and MoD
  - Ofcom policies including spectrum trading and leasing
  - Public awareness of radio services
- FCS events in 2011
  - 6 regional meetings
  - Gerald David Award- deadline 20 May- presentation at FCS 30th celebration on 16 June
  - BR11 Thursday 17 November in Daventry



## Business Radio Council

- Ofcom annual plan- section 3.8- “the market alone is unlikely to secure efficient allocation and use of public assets like spectrum and numbering in all cases”
- FCS welcomes the change in approach which we have identified in our own research last year
- There is a real need for a demand study of spectrum use and demand going forward which both the industry and Ofcom require
- FCS is setting up its own spectrum strategy group to pool ideas on future requirements and to input into FCS submission to the Government Green Paper on the new Communications Act [expected 2015]
- Interference potential
- Spectrum liberalisation- loss of details on what technology is being deployed on a licence- does not help with interference resolution  
recommend that the proposed tick box is mandatory

# Spectrum Strategy Group

- Release of Public Spectrum – BIS –Shareholders Executive
- Access to spectrum by public bodies such as utilities
  - New applications, migration
- New technologies and channel arrangements
- Technical Assignment Criteria
  - Improving congestion
  - Avoiding Interference potential
- Spectrum Pricing
- Industry roles
  - Coordination and detail channel assignment
  - ID Numbers and codes.
- Regulatory Matters
  - New Communications Act – WT Act Revision
  - Information on the licensing form

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Business radio developments in Ofcom –

**Welcome to  
Guest speaker Malika Greene, Ofcom Business Radio Policy**



FCS in Coventry, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2011

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## Environmental update

- Batteries Directive- BIS regulates industrial batteries- producers must report volumes placed on market and waste batteries collected; EA regulates portable batteries- distributors must take back in store
- RoHS directive- recast as a CE marking directive- no new substances classed as hazardous- UK to consult in 2011- new rules by Jan 2013
- WEEE Directive- being recast- much EC-EP-MS debate; increased national collection targets; single producer definition; may reach conclusion in 2011
- REACH- list of 30kPlus chemicals- all suppliers to know what chemicals are in their products
- EuP directive- aim to reduce energy consumption in production and lifetime of products