

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economic Development and Rural Affairs
Date:	10 September 2012
Title:	Funding for rural broadband grants
Reference:	4265
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- a) That the Executive Member for Economic Development and Rural Affairs re-allocates unspent contingency funding previously earmarked for the Little London broadband project, and to use it instead for small grants to test alternative broadband technologies in locations which are not expected to receive super-fast broadband.
- b) That delegated authority be given to the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services to consider and agree further applications in respect of this grant funding, in consultation with the Executive Member for Economic Development and Rural Affairs.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. The reason for the decision is to re-allocate unspent contingency funding previously earmarked for the Little London broadband project (decision taken by the Executive Member for Economic Development and Rural Affairs on 2 July 2010) which was successfully concluded without the need for any additional funds. Consequently a decision is being taken to use the funds to test alternative broadband technologies in locations which are not expected to receive super-fast broadband before 2015.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. To not proceed with the project. However, it was felt that this pilot project would complement the county's super-fast broadband programme, as it

would test technologies which could be used in locations which this programme is unlikely to reach.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

None.

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

None.

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

10 September 2012

**Executive Member for Economic Development and
Rural Affairs
Councillor Dr. R. Ellis**