

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date:	12 December 2013
Title:	Extending Superfast Broadband Coverage in Hampshire
Reference:	5467
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. The decision:

That the Executive Member for Policy and Resources:

- a) Approves an extension of superfast broadband services (>24Mbps) within Hampshire to 95% of premises. This approval will require a new procurement (call-off) to be made under the existing BDUK framework and will also cover any required extension of the existing contract with BT. This is intended to increase coverage by more than 27,000 premises over and above the current delivery target.
- b) Approves the release of sufficient capital funds required for the purpose of extending the Hampshire County Council Superfast Broadband Programme at an indicative cost of up to £9.2 million on condition that the Council's requirements for coverage at 95% are met, and that an assessment of value-for-money is undertaken by BDUK in respect of any new contract that may result from the call-off process.
- c) Notes the intention to work with a private sector partner to develop an effective marketing strategy that will both raise awareness of the use of public funds to extend the availability of high speed broadband services and drive take-up of these services with the intention of securing economic, social and environmental benefits for the residents and businesses of Hampshire.
- d) Receives further reports on the developing availability of superfast broadband services within Hampshire and on opportunities to increase coverage beyond 95% in line with the overall aims and objectives expressed by Cabinet.
- e) Approve the concept of a 'privately funded' extension (in effect going beyond 95%) where there is sufficient demand and that the Director of CCBS explore

the scope of the work and how best to support individuals and communities who wish to fund local projects.

- f) That the Director of Culture, Community and Business Services is asked to identify opportunities to offset the County Council's financial commitment to the extension of the Superfast Broadband Programme by identifying other potential sources of funding, particularly from Government and organisations within Hampshire.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. Delivery of the Council's ambition to further extend the availability of Superfast Broadband services within Hampshire. The target for this extension project is to enable at least 95% of premises to access these services by the end of 2017 and this is consistent with the Government's current strategy.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Not applicable.

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:

12 December 2013

**Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Councillor Roy Perry**