

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date:	22 January 2015
Title:	Hampshire Superfast Broadband – Getting Connected
Reference:	6456
Report From:	Chief Executive and the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. The decision:

1.1 That the Executive Member for Policy and Resources:

1. Approves action to improve the 'Futureproofing' of new housing developments by:
 - (i) Allocating senior capacity to target the Top 30 development sites.
 - (ii) Working to create a Forum for key stakeholders to examine commercial issues driving current provision and to encourage wider provision of Superfast Broadband.
 - (iii) Reviewing current planning policy, guidance and legislation to identify actions that will support enhanced provision of superfast services.
 - (iv) Publishing information about new developments that is relevant to new home buyers.
 - (v) That officers write to District Councils and the Law Society asking the Law Society and District Councils to advise prospective home buyers in their response to land searches to check the availability of Superfast Broadband.
 - (vi) That Officers contact the Local Government Association seeking their support for a change in national planning regulations requiring Superfast Broadband infrastructure to be provided as part of new housing developments.
2. Approves plans to apply funds currently unallocated within Contract 2 to achieve additional superfast coverage within the existing Intervention

Area and approves that the Chief Executive will trigger the remodelling of the solution at a date(s) to be determined.

3. Approves action to support 'retrofit' solutions for residents living in completed phases of housing developments with no superfast availability and authorises the Chief Executive and Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services, within the already approved resources, to:
 - i. accelerate the provision to enable faster connection for premises where appropriate;
 - ii. vary the programmes and contracts to extend coverage as opportunities arise;
 - iii. negotiate the inclusion of sites and premises from Table 1 into contracts 1 and 2 as appropriate;
 - iv. negotiate with BT and the relevant housing developers suitable financial and technical arrangements; **and**
 - v. Specifically seek to ensure major new developments are included in the roll out of the various Superfast Broadband arrangements.
4. Approves the creation of a mechanism for communities and premises not included in the superfast roll-out programme to access match-funding on a 50:50 basis – this scheme to be operated by the County Council on a 'first come, first served' basis and be open to community groups and appropriate public bodies (not individual residents).
5. Approves the intention to secure the FTTP slots that are available in Hampshire as part of the trials arranged by BT Openreach in support of the 'Futureproofing' agenda.
6. Approves work to attract additional external funding.
7. Notes that the Hampshire Superfast Broadband Programme is on track to deliver an uplift in the availability of superfast services to more than 94,000 premises and that, in total, high speed broadband is expected to be available to more than 95% of premises in line with the Council's stated ambition.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 1.1. The purpose of this paper is to provide a high level summary of the current position regarding the Hampshire Superfast Broadband Programme and the emerging challenges and opportunities beyond the scope of the current Programme. The first outline of a potential response to these challenges is set out in the form of next steps and recommendations regarding the policy framework.

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:

22 January 2015

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