

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Cabinet
<b>Date:</b>	21 March 2016
<b>Title:</b>	Superfast Broadband in Hampshire
<b>Reference:</b>	7363
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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### 1. The decision:

It is recommended that Cabinet:

- 1.1 Notes the good progress on the delivery of the Hampshire Superfast Broadband programme and the improvement in the position reported on new housing developments.
- 1.2 Acknowledges that the County Council recognises and is alert to the challenges faced by the last 4% not in current plans and that the programme team is helping these residents as far as possible. This includes providing comprehensive information on the website and social media, face to face meetings, briefings with Parishes and communities, bespoke responses for premises-specific queries, and facilitating discussions with providers for self-funding routes. In addition, the County Council continues to work with Government as they consider how to address the remaining 4-5% nationally.
- 1.3 Notes the on-going actions to improve the 'futureproofing' of new housing developments, which include encouraging the sector to commit to new fibre connections to all new premises; providing information to prospective purchasers, internet providers, developers, local planning authorities and related professions; and encouraging local planning authorities to incorporate provisions for superfast connections to all new developments in their local plans.
- 1.4 Approves the proposals contained in the report for a Community Self-Funding Assistance scheme and in particular:
  - (i) The principle of 50:50 match-funding up to a maximum contribution from the County Council of £500 per premise served (para 5.1)
  - (ii) The integration of the delivery of the proposed scheme with the contract for Wave 2 (2016-2018) (para 5.4)

(iii) That the £0.4m comes from the unallocated funding in the contract for Wave 2, which has State Aid approval (para 5.2)

(iv) The Director of the Culture, Communities and Business Services be granted delegated authority to administer the scheme on behalf of the County Council.

1.5 Approves that we continue to extend and maximise our coverage under the existing contracts by seeking to re-invest gainshare and contract delivery underspend with the existing supplier and continue to apply pressure to the supplier to accelerate delivery of existing contract.

**2. Reason(s) for the decision:**

2.1. To progress the Programme, continue to support communities and use monies coming back into the Programme to further coverage beyond current plans.

**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:**

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**21 March 2016**

**Chairman of Cabinet  
Councillor Roy Perry**