

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	11 December 2017
Title:	Superfast Broadband in Hampshire
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. The decision:

That Cabinet:

- 1.1 Notes the good progress on the delivery of the Hampshire Superfast Broadband Programme for the public funding available, but recognises the wider broadband market failure which means that there are still 2.6% (circa 15,000 properties) where there are no plans currently.
- 1.2 Acknowledges that, even though there are areas where market failure has meant that plans are not in place and public funding will not meet the demand, the programme still continues to help all residents across Hampshire where possible through innovation such as the Community Match Funding Scheme.
- 1.3 Notes that the Community Match Funding Scheme is being positively received by communities across Hampshire.
- 1.4 Approves that the programme continues to extend and maximise coverage under the existing contracts by seeking to reinvest rebate (gainshare) and contract delivery underspend with the existing supplier and continue to apply pressure to the supplier to accelerate delivery of existing contract targets.
- 1.5 Agrees that the County Council should continue to proactively seek funding from the LEPs and DCMS, as well as other external funding sources, and considers running additional procurements if necessary or advantageous to residents.
- 1.6 Continues to support the programme through engagement with District Councils, Parish Councils, communities and residents.
- 1.7 Agree that the Leader of the Council writes to the Minister of State for Digital to reinforce the continuing issue of rural coverage, especially given the crucial economic and social implications, and to seek assurances that the government will address this through policy development and a range of proposals alluded to in the report.

2. Reason for the decision:

2.1. To update Cabinet on developments and progress in the Hampshire Superfast Broadband Programme and to set direction for future progress.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. None

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:

11 December 2017

**Chairman of the Cabinet
Councillor Roy Perry**