

CDS Programme Board

Summary for publication

Date: 11th July 2019

Time: 1pm – 3pm

Venue: Devon County Council.

Chair: Phil Norrey, Chief Executive Devon County Council

Attendees: Phil Norrey Devon County Council, Councillor Rufus Gilbert Devon County Council, Pat Flaherty Somerset County Council, Councillor David Hall Somerset County Council, Michele Cusack, Somerset County Council, Councillor Mike Caswell Sedgemoor District Council, Councillor Peter Goater Mendip District Council, Julie Reader Sullivan Mendip District Council, Simon Furminger, BDUK (by skype); Rob Dawson Bath and North East Somerset Council,

CDS Team: Keri Denton, Phil Roberts, Peter Doyle, Katriona Lovelock, Matt Barrow

Item	Title
1.	Introductions to welcome new board members from Mendip District Council and Sedgemoor District council. Apologies offered by Teignbridge District Council
2.	Airband Contracts update An update was provided on the Airband contracts. The National Parks contract completed build in 2018. Technical and financial assurance and contract closure is ongoing. Lot 4 contract. Infrastructure build continues with circa 7,300 premises delivered to date. Further funding from RDPE (Rural Development Programme for England) is to be introduced to extend coverage by approximately a further 3,000 premises. Airband has submitted a change request to introduce fibre technology for some of the future delivery.
3.	Gigaclear Contracts update

	<p>Gigaclear is continuing build in communities identified previously.</p> <p>Gigaclear has been working on alternative plans and providing updates to CDS team on the progress of these plans. Gigaclear is due to deliver its revised plan by end of July and to attend a meeting in August to present its proposals. The plans will need to be satisfactory to BDUK and CDS. Issues which will be considered will include coverage, secured investment, robust evidence that the proposals can be delivered, timescales for delivery and any impacts on funding and whether changes pose procurement law issues.</p> <p>Market engagement activity has been continuing, to discuss commercial plans, options to extend coverage and prepare options should CDS not be able to agree proposals with Gigaclear what alternatives may be considered</p> <p>Board will reconvene in September to consider position.</p> <p>Action: continue to examine alternative options.</p>
4.	Gainshare update
	<p>Progress is being made in agreeing introduction of circa £6 Million of clawback funding with BT. This is likely to result in a further 2,000 homes benefiting from a full fibre solution built over the next few years. This process is subject to BDUK assurance and is currently anticipated to take place over by the Autumn.</p>
5.	Communications and Stakeholder Engagement
	<p>Update on events including the community hubs which have been piloted and which will inform future approaches for hard to reach communities.</p> <p>Proposals for communications for the next quarter.</p>
6.	Digital Strategy
	<p>Update about working with the HotSW LEP for the development of a new digital strategy for the region. Consultants have been appointed to develop the strategy.</p>
7	Vouchers and Community Challenge Fund
	<p>Update on national broadband voucher schemes.</p> <p>Update on recent community challenge pilots delivering 138 premises for less than £70,000.</p>
5.	AOB
	None
6.	Date of Next Meeting

	October 2019
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