

CDS Programme Board

Summary for publication

Date: Friday 14th February 2020

Time: 2 – 3.30pm

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, Michele Cusack, Somerset County Council, Councillor Mike Caswell Sedgemoor District Council, Councillor Peter Goater Mendip District Council, Councillor Charles Nuttall Teignbridge District Council, David Ralph HoSW LEP, Lionel Spencer BDUK

CDS Team: Keri Denton, Phil Roberts, Peter Doyle, Katriona Lovelock, Matt Barrow, , Ed Cross, Peter Doyle, Ken Singleton, Kevin Collis, Amanda Williams

Apologies: David Hall Somerset County Council, Amy Pettit CDS, Simon Furminger BDUK

Item	Title
1.	PN opened meeting Apologies given (see above)
2.	Contracts position update
	Settlement agreed between Gigaclear and CDS following the termination of broad band contract. A joint statement has been issued and is available on both parties' websites. AirBand (AB) are working to complete the final assurance for the close of the National Parks contract. AB Lot 4 contract. Infrastructure build continues with circa 10,796 premises delivered to date, with assurance underway.

	<p>AB change request to introduce fibre technology for some of the future delivery is moving forward, and it is expected that a it will go the BDUK assurance board shortly for approval.</p> <p>Open Reach have had CR Gainshare contract approved by BDUK and announcement is being prepared.</p>
3.	New procurement process update
	<p>Progress update:</p> <p>Following board approval during workshop on 27th January, draft procurement documentation was submitted to BDUK on 31st January. BDUK assured the documents on Friday 14th February so procurement process due to commence w/c 17th February with the release of the Selection Questionnaire.</p> <p>The procurement process will continue through the spring with the expectation that final bids will be received in August 2020 and award of contracts should complete by December 2020.</p> <p>Market engagement:</p> <p>Effective market engagement was undertaken with a wide range of 26 suppliers in support of the development of the procurement documentation.</p>
4.	Communication and stakeholder engagement
	<p>Communications Grid was presented and will be developed and implemented over the next quarter.</p> <p>Activity includes active engagement and support of the rural Gigabit Voucher Programme.</p>
5.	National policy update
	<p>Members of CDS team attended BDUK National Workshop in Birmingham on Thursday 13th February. Feedback from the workshop included: BDUK enthusiastic about the government's "Outside In" strategy, discussions around new contracting process were discussed, requirements for a new state aid notification to support this and the aspiration is to deliver gigabit capability.</p>
6.	AOB
	None

7	Date of next meeting
	Thursday 11 th June 2020, Somerset County Council Hall, Taunton