



3rd January 2017

Agenda Item: 4

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE

BETTER BROADBAND FOR NOTTINGHAMSHIRE – ADDITIONAL BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT

Purpose of the Report

1. The report seeks to update the Committee on:
 - The success for the programme so far
 - The modelling of the additional funds targeting specific areas
 - Steps towards contract 3 to extend coverage further
2. Committee will receive a presentation on the coverage to be achieved from the modelling of the additional funds

Information and advice

3. Nottinghamshire County Council signed its first contract with BT in August 2013 and its second contract in May 2015. Since the first broadband cabinet launch in 2014, 61,813 premises are now able to access superfast broadband. This places the county as one of the best digitally connected areas in the UK and more locally, with the best digital footprint in the East Midlands.
4. The programme is now predicted to exceed over 98% coverage. This is great news, as far more businesses and residents will have access to superfast broadband than initially expected.
5. The Contract 1 underspend and clawback has resulted in a further £4.8M being available to the programme. These funds are being introduced to Contract 2 but requires BT to undertake modelling to assess the coverage which can be achieved.
6. Contract 2 is currently set to achieve 98% coverage across the County. Nevertheless as illustrated in the table below, three districts fall below this percentage coverage threshold. The £4.8M will be modelled to extend broadband coverage to target Bassetlaw, Newark & Sherwood and Rushcliffe to achieve as close to 98% coverage as possible.

	Pre-BBfN	Post Contract 1	Post Contract 2
Nottinghamshire	86%	95%	98%
Ashfield	94.4%	97.5%	98.4%
Bassetlaw	70.2%	88.3%	95.1%
Broxtowe	95.7%	97.8%	98.9%
Gedling	94.5%	98.6%	99%
Mansfield	92.9%	97.9%	98.6%
Newark & Sherwood	51.7%	89%	95.2%
Rushcliffe	73.2%	92.4%	96%
Nottingham City	96.7%	97.4%	99.9%

Contract 3

7. As previously reported, £1.23M has been secured for the programme; albeit they require a further procurement exercise to ensure State Aid compliance.
8. Activities have commenced to determine best use of these funds to further extend broadband coverage. Initial activities include detailed mapping of broadband coverage, this mapping will be at premise level to capture any anomalies derived from previous postcode level mapping.
9. This £1.23M will contribute to reaching the remaining unserved properties across Nottinghamshire. Dialog with District/Borough partners and broadband infrastructure providers will be the next step in finding a solution to reach our 100% superfast coverage aspirations.
10. A further report will be brought to committee Summer 2017 presenting options for further deployment.

Reasons for recommendation(s)

11. Committee requested six-monthly reviews of the Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire programme. The latest position to the end of December 2016 is detailed in this report.

Statutory and Policy implications

12. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described within the body of the report.

Financial implications

13. None

RECOMMENDATION

14. It is recommended that Economic Development Committee notes the contents of this report and receives a further report on the options regarding the delivery and investment priorities for Contract 3 before a contract is procured.

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Constitutional Comments (SMG 16/12/16)

The proposals set out in this report fall within the remit of this Committee.

Financial Comments [RWK 19/12/2016]

There are no specific financial implications arising directly from this report

Background Papers and Published Reports

- Nottinghamshire Local Broadband Plan (www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/broadband)
- *Nottinghamshire Local Broadband Plan* – report to Full Council, 15-12-2011, published
- *Update on Nottinghamshire Local Broadband Plan* – report to Policy Committee, 20-06-2012, published
- *Response to Petitions presented to Economic Development Committee* – report to Economic Development Committee, 20-09-2012, published
- *Nottinghamshire Local Broadband Plan* – report to Full Council, 28-02-2013, published
- ERDF Funding Agreement, 14-05-2013
- Investing in Britain's future – Presented to Parliament by the Chief Secretary to the Treasury by Command of Her Majesty, 6-2013
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/209279/PU1524_IUK_new_template.pdf
- *Superfast Broadband for Nottinghamshire* – report to Policy Committee 17-07-2013, published
- *Superfast Broadband for Nottinghamshire* – report to Economic Development Committee 09-07-2013, published
- UK Broadband Impact Study – Impact Report, SQW, 11-2013
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/257006/UK_Broadband_Impact_Study_-_Impact_Report_-_Nov_2013_-_Final.pdf
- *Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire – Resource Requirements for Delivery Phase* – report to Economic Development Committee, 12-12-2013, published
- *Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire* – report to Economic Development Committee 14-01-2014, published

- Superfast Extension Programme indicative funding allocation letter – BDUK on behalf of the Department for Culture Media and Sports, 25-2-2014, published
- *Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire – Superfast Extension Programme* – report To Economic Development Committee, 11-03-2014, published
- *Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire – Phase One* – report to Economic Development Committee, 1-4-2014, published
- *Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire Superfast Extension Programme* – report to Policy Committee, 4-6-2014, published
- *Update on D2N2 Strategic Economic Plan and Local Growth Deal* – report to Economic Development Committee, 1-7-2014, published
- *Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire – Additional Staffing Resource* – report to Economic Development Committee, 16-09-2014, published
- *Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire – quarterly update on the rollout* – report to Economic Development Committee, 18-11-2014, published
- *Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire Contract 2* – report to Policy Committee, 07-01-2015, published
- *Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire – Quarterly Update* - report to Economic Development Committee 03-03-2015
- *Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire: authorisation for contract 2* – report to Economic Development Committee, 31-03-2015, published
- *Nottinghamshire Digital Champions Network* – report to Economic Development Committee, 31-03-2015, published
- *Broadband Petitions* – report to the Economic Development Committee, 31-03-2015, published
- *Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire – quarterly update on the rollout* – report to Economic Development Committee, 07-07-2015, published
- *Broadband Petition* – report to Economic Development Committee, 07-07-2015, published
- *Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire – quarterly update on the rollout* – 03-11-2015, published
- *Basic Broadband For All: Satellite Broadband Subsidy Scheme* - quarterly update on report to Economic Development Committee, 19-01-2016, published
- *Broadband Petition* - report to Economic Development Committee, 23-02-2016, published
- *Broadband Petition* - report to Economic Development Committee, 22-03-2016, published
- *Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire – quarterly update on the rollout* – 07-06-2016, published
- *Basic Broadband for All: Better broadband Subsidy scheme* - report to Economic Development Committee - 06-09-2016

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All