



South West Chilterns Community Board – Broadband Workstream – Meeting Notes

Date/Time: Monday 9 November at 1600hrs via MS Teams

1. Present

Cllr Chris Whitehead - Chair

Mark Turner – Vice Chair

Cllr David Johncock

Sue Hynard – Office of Steve Baker MP

Jacqueline Dinah-Hayward

James Robinson – Broadband Project Manager – Buckinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership (Bucks LEP)

Jack Douglass – Broadband – Buckinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership (Bucks LEP)

Makyla Devlin – South West Chilterns Community Board Coordinator – Buckinghamshire

2. Apologies

Jacqueline Ford – Economic and Development Officer, Buckinghamshire Council

3. Notes and actions from previous meeting

As this is the first meeting of the workstream, there are no previous notes

4. Introduction

Cllr Chris Whitehead opened the work stream meeting and gave an overview of requirements and the structure for the meeting.

The purpose of the group is to look to the viability and implementation of full fibre and/or other suitable connectivity to every house in the South West Chilterns Board area by 2024 in line with the Buckinghamshire Council vision and future Government programmes.

This was an introductory meeting for the group and the following areas were discussed

- The need/requirement to cover the whole board area
- Look at the villages/parishes/town's coverage for broadband
- Look at Swish Fibre coverage
- Look at the area to the west of the board area – Marlow over towards Henley and the surrounding villages
- Identify the postcodes in the more rural areas
- Look in detail at the Central Government schemes.

5. Open Discussion

- The need to look at how Government proposals can be achieved and funded.
- Look into Government gigabyte programme and Outside In programme/proposal
- Look at list of postcode areas relating to all forms of Broadband
- Consider the budgets for next year and contact Martin Tett regarding available Buckinghamshire Council funding
- The need to look at areas where connectivity is poor both in our towns and rural parishes.



6. Actions and next steps

Action	Holder	Timescale
Look at how the Government proposals can be achieved and funded	Sue Hynard	19/11/2020 – next meeting
Look at list of postcode areas relating to all forms of Broadband in the board area	Jack Douglass and James Robinson	19/11/2020 – next meeting
Consider the budget(s) and contact Martin Tett regarding future available funding	Cllr Chris Whitehead	19/11/2020 – next meeting

Cllr's Dominic Barnes and Mark Harris to be invited as part of this work stream group.

7. Date of next meeting

Broadband workstream to meet on Thursday 19 November @1400 hrs via MS Teams to work on the action points raised during the meeting.

