

# Decision details

## Aylesbury Vale Broadband (AVB)

**Decision Maker:** Chief Executive

**Decision status:** Recommendations Approved

**Is Key decision?:** Yes

**Is subject to call in?:** No

### **Purpose:**

Delegated Decision regarding the allocation of funding to support the further expansion of the rollout of broadband in the Vale by Aylesbury Vale Broadband.

### **Decision:**

To approve the allocation of an additional £500,000 from the initial £1.536m of New Homes Bonus funding that have been committed by Council to support the further expansion of the rollout of broadband in the Vale by Aylesbury Vale Broadband.

### **Reasons for the decision:**

To enable the funds allocated to the rollout of broadband in the Vale to be spent on bringing forward a solution to those areas in the District that are not programmed to receive ultra fast broadband and at the same time contribute a financial return to the authority.

### **Alternative options considered:**

Funding broadband via other providers is an option, however this does not generate the overall impact in terms of value for money, speed of delivery and provision of an ultra-fast broadband service and a source of future revenue for the Council.

### **Interests and Nature of Interests Declared:**

Councillor Neil Blake is currently one of the Directors of AVB and whilst this is not considered a conflict of interest in terms of his position as Leader it is advisable that there may be in terms of his Directors duties and in light of this potential conflict this decision has therefore been delegated by the Leader to be taken by the CE in consultation with the Deputy Leader, Councillor Steve Bowles.

Councillor Bowles does not have any conflict of interest in relation to this decision.

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