

# RECORD OF AN OFFICER MAKING AN EXECUTIVE DECISION



## CONNECTED COUNTIES BROADBAND PROGRAMME - JUNE 2017

Name of officer and title	Andrew Grant, Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, Cllr Neil Blake
Subject matter:	Connected Counties Broadband programme
Date of decision:	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2017
Decision:	<p>To approve an investment of £252,873 of AVDC funds for the proposed extension of superfast broadband across Aylesbury Vale via the Connected Counties programme, as part of an extension to the second contract and that the change control is pursued as soon as possible.</p> <p>AVDC agreed to co-fund £253,873 towards the Connected Counties second contract with match funding from SEMLEP of £147,127 and BDUK £400,000. There is also a share of funding from the BTVLEP's investment of £675,000 and match from BDUK across Buckinghamshire.</p> <p>A total of 8 preference areas were identified by AVDC for the Connected Counties programme. The list of areas on the preference list are Ashendon, Aston Abbots, Bishopstone, Hardwick, Lillingstone Lovell, Thornton, Twyford and Wingrave with Rowsham.</p> <p>The decision to agree with the BT proposal will be with some amendments/conditions as mentioned below. Great Brickhill will now be covered by another provider – e.g. Gigaclear, and so will be removed from this programme. Drayton Parslow and Swanbourne are areas that Aylesbury Vale Broadband are covering so they should also be removed from the Connected Counties programme.</p> <p>Other areas on the AVDC preference list will be re-modelled in a further change control to be carried out asap by BT.</p>
Reasons for decision:	<p>AVDC is expected to benefit from an increase in over 3,400 premises with better broadband and at least 2,300 of these accessing superfast broadband. This will increase fibre broadband coverage by 4.20% taking coverage to 97% by December 2019.</p> <p>Initial observation from the postcodes supplied shows that fibre deployment in this proposal will impact the following areas:</p>

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Alternative options considered	<p>The alternative option not to continue with Connected Counties would mean that Aylesbury Vale would not be covered under this proposal. It will also impact on the overall decision on the other partners involved with the connected counties programme as the model covers all and is being progressed as a single and joint contract.</p> <p>The alternative option to source another supplier would mean that Aylesbury Vale would not be covered under this proposal as above. Procuring another supplier will extend the timelines to deliver fibre infrastructure.</p> <p>In terms of this proposal, for every £1 of AVDC investment this helps to lever in an additional £3 of investment and is therefore regarded as appropriate use of public funds.</p>																																				
Any conflict of interest declared by a Cabinet Member who is consulted and any dispensations granted to them:	<p>The Leader is the Council's shareholder representative on AVB but as the priority is to increase the level of broadband provision across the district there is not deemed to be any conflict of interest in respect of this decision, which the CE has consulted the Leader about.</p>																																				
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