

Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills, Director responsible for Democratic Services

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee
Date:	27 November 2014
Subject:	Lincolnshire Broadband Programme – update

Summary:

This item provides the Committee with the opportunity to receive a presentation from Steve Brookes, Lincolnshire Broadband Programme Manager. The presentation will update councillors on progress with the implementation of superfast broadband infrastructure across the County.

Actions Required:

The Committee is invited to receive the presentation and to discuss any issues arising.

1. Background

The Lincolnshire Broadband Programme is currently running to plan and has delivered over 57,000 premises that can now benefit from the upgraded infrastructure. This equates to a little over 35% of the overall total for the programme. The programme has already completed the build of 231 roadside cabinets, with an additional 70 cabinet 'Shells' provided in advance of work to upgrade. At this point in time, the Programme is currently providing faster broadband to an average of 1,760 premises per week and consideration is now being given to the process of establishing the most effective way to deliver the second phase of the programme, utilising the additional Government funding that has been allocated.

2. Conclusion

This item provides the opportunity for the Committee to receive an update on progress with the Lincolnshire Broadband Programme. The presentation from today's meeting will be distributed electronically following the meeting to all members of this Committee and will be available on the Council's website.

3. Consultation

a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

This item does not require Policy Proofing.

4. Appendices - None

5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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