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REPORT FOR SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

8TH NOVEMBER 2016

Rural Broadband Project Outcomes

1. The Rural Broadband Project completed its delivery on the 31st August 2016. All of the proposed infrastructure was delivered except for one cabinet located within the Niton telephone exchange area. The reason this cabinet was not delivered was that permission could not be granted from 2 local landowners to allow for power cables to be laid to connect a power supply to the cabinet. The cabinet if it were to be delivered in the future would provide access for 51 premises in the area.
2. The Scrutiny Committee requested that the progress of the project against those across the rest of the Country should be publicised. The attachment (Appendix 1) illustrates an IWC/BT press release was available 'On the Wight' on the 25th May 2016.
3. The Scrutiny Committee requested that the actual outcomes of the independent measurement of speed of superfast broadband in those locations where the infrastructure has been completed be supplied. BDUK have provided independent assurance that the Rural Broadband Contract had been met. The table below confirms that they are satisfied with the achievement of the project. To summarise the Implementation Plan target achieved was by 337 premises, the Implementation Area achieved by 183 and Superfast IA achieved by 32 premises.

Table 1 C3 analysis Simon Herrington BDUK 12/09/2016

1) Milestone Achievement	Isle of Wight
THP Per C3	20254
THP Per Implementation Plan	19917
Over/under Achievement against IP	337
IA Premises per C3	19725
IA Target per SCT	19542
Over/Under Achievement against SCT	183
SFIA Premises per C3	17649
SFIA Target per SCT	17617
Over/Under Achievement against SCT	32
SFIA as % of IP	87.1%



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2) Speed achievement - Premises count	
0- 24	2174
24+ to 30	779
30+ to 50	3880
50+ to 100	13421
Total	20254
3) Variation	
Geographic Difference - C3 > SCT*	475
Grey premises*	54
Postcodes outside of Intervention area (Including blanks)*	0
No Build (100%)*	61
4) IP Contractual achievement	
THP Per C3	20254
THP Per IP QTR	0
Over/under Achievement against IP QTR	20254

4. Project Finance. The Scrutiny Committee may be interested to know that the final payment claim has been received from BT and our assurance work has been completed. Queries from our assurance have resulted in agreement with BT to reduce costs by at least £366k. However, this work has also resulted in a query which has wider implications for other contracts nationally and this has therefore been referred to BDUK who have begun high level discussions with BT. As a result, we are able to confirm a maximum cost of the contract as £4.8m, resulting in a public sector underspend of at least £1.7m. It is expected that the underspend will increase once the national issue is resolved.

	BT funding	Public sector funding
Contracted costs	1,423,197	4,980,000
Maximum final costs	1,537,893	3,258,821
Minimum Public sector underspend		1,721,179

As the public sector funding is funding jointly by the IWC and BDUK, 50% will be returned to BDUK once agreed.

Jayne Tyler
Rural Broadband Project Manager

Isle of Wight has 99% fibre broadband coverage says council

 onthewight.com/2016/05/25/isle-of-wight-has-99-fibre-broadband-coverage-says-council/

APPENDIX 1

By IW Council Press Office

25/05/2016

Latest update on broadband

The Isle of Wight's multi million pound rural broadband project has been successfully completed with fibre broadband now available to 99 per cent of households and businesses on the Island – making it one of the best connected areas in the UK.

The partnership between the Isle of Wight Council, BT and the government's Broadband Delivery UK programme has announced it has achieved its [target of reaching more than 20,000 Isle of Wight premises](#) .

99 per cent coverage

Combined with the 51,000 premises reached by the private sector's commercial rollout of the technology, it means the Island now has 99 per cent fibre coverage.

Demand for fibre has also been gathering momentum as more superfast broadband cabinets have been installed across the Island. The number of households and businesses using the new high-speed technology in locations covered by the project has already reached more than 4,200.

Benefit to business

One business benefiting from the new superfast Internet speeds is the Seaview Hotel, Seaview. Tracy Mikich, Seaview Hotel manager, said:

"Since investing in high-speed broadband our hotel business has become more attractive and we've also seen cost savings. Our hotel enjoys speed in excess of 70mbps and we are also able to offer free wi-fi to our guests and customers."

Councillor Shirley Smart, Isle of Wight Council Executive member with responsibility for the rural broadband project, said:

"I am more than delighted that we have reached the target of 20,000 homes and businesses in mainly rural areas now having access."

"We are also greatly encouraged that over the past 20 months, as the cabinets have been installed and gone live across the Island, more and more rural homes and businesses have been taking advantage of their new access. This is great progress for those in rural areas, and combined with the commercial rollout, it ensures the Island is one of the best places in the UK for high-speed broadband coverage."

"Looking to the future it means the Island is extremely well-placed in terms of connectivity for its residents, visitors and businesses."

Transforming opportunities

Bill Murphy, managing director of next generation access for BT, said:

"Today marks an important milestone for the faster broadband revolution on the Island, with 99

per cent of Isle of Wight homes and businesses having access to fibre broadband. The 'Tech Island' is shaping up to be one of the best connected areas in the UK.

"This exciting technology is transforming the opportunities for communities across the Isle of Wight and the UK as a whole. Successful broadband partnerships are creating a lasting legacy, which will play a key role in the future prosperity of communities for many years to come."

109 rural fibre cabinets

Since the beginning of the broadband partnership, 109 rural fibre broadband cabinets have 'gone live' around the Island.

The multi-million pound rural broadband partnership is jointly funded by the Isle of Wight Council, which has been investing £2.4 million to match the funding provided by the UK government through the BDUK programme – and BT, which was contributing capital and ongoing revenue funding of £2.7 million.

The new fibre-based network is open to all broadband internet service providers on an equal basis, so customers – both residential and business – have access to a wide choice of broadband providers.

Image: BT's Robin Nicholas, Seaview Hotel manager Bill Wilson, Isle of Wight Council's Ashley Curzon, Councillor Shirley Smart, Isle of Wight Council's Jayne Tyler, BT's Stacey King, Seaview Yacht Club's Jamie Nimmo, Seaview Hotel manageress Tracy Mikich

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