

“Superfast Broadband” January Project Update

SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Corporate Scrutiny and Climate Change Board have requested an update on the developments surrounding “superfast broadband” in the city.
- 1.2 This report summarises the main schemes relating to “superfast broadband” developments and the progress that has been made to date. This is outlined in section 4 of the report and the most recent project overview presentation which can be found at Appendix 2.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note the update and progress made so far on the projects outlined in section 4 of this report.
- 2.2 To make any comments and recommendations on the information given and future work in this area.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To keep the Corporate Scrutiny and Climate Change Board informed of the progress made on “superfast broadband” projects in the city, and allow the board to make any further comments or recommendations on this work.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4.1 Voucher Scheme

The Voucher Scheme "soft launched" to coincide with "small business Saturday" in December. The “full launch” will take place on 20th January followed by, on 28th January, a "meet the supplier" event at Friar Gate Studios.

A mail-shot, announcing the availability of the Scheme will be sent to 11 thousand SMEs in Derby on Monday 13th January.

4.2 Public WiFi

Installation works are progressing well and the scheme has now begun the second

phase of testing.

- The scheme will launch publicly on 15th February, with launch activities being coordinated with Jonathan Wallis of Derby Museum.

4.3 Demonstrator and co-working space at Friar Gate Studios

Installation works are complete, and the facility formally opens to the public on 20th January.

Initial feedback has been exceptionally positive, and the space is already 50% occupied.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	N/A
Financial officer	N/A
Human Resources officer	N/A
Estates/Property officer	N/A
Service Director(s)	Richard Williams, Director of Regeneration
Other(s)	N/A

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Project Overview

IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 None directly arising from this report.

Legal

- 2.1 None directly arising from this report.

Personnel

- 3.1 None directly arising from this report.

Equalities Impact

- 4.1 None directly arising from this report.

Health and Safety

- 5.1 None directly arising from this report.

Environmental Sustainability

- 6.1 None directly arising from this report.

Property and Asset Management

- 7.1 None directly arising from this report.

Risk Management

- 8.1 None directly arising from this report.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 9.1 The development of “superfast broadband” projects supports the Council and Derby Plan objective of ‘a thriving sustainable economy’.