

## Record of officer decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	<b>Award contract for supply and installation of the Digital Household Grant and extension of coverage</b>
<b>Date of decision:</b>	28 April 2022
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Service Director Corporate Services
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	<p>Chief Executive Scheme of Delegation – point SA78 delegated authority to Assistant Director Corporate Support for County-wide broadband deployment and digital inclusion.</p> <p>Based on the <a href="#">decision</a> of 18 November 2021: The Assistant Director Corporate Support* be authorised to take all operational decisions necessary to implement the above recommendations subject to agreement with Gloucestershire County Council regarding their element of the programme.</p> <p>*Job title change.</p>
<b>Ward:</b>	<p>Birch, Dinedor Hill, Golden Valley North, Golden Valley South, Kerne Bridge, Ledbury South, Ledbury West, Llangarron, Old Gore, Penyard, Ross North, Stoney Street, Wormside</p> <p>All wards for extension of the programme</p>
<b>Consultation:</b>	Cabinet member for Environment and Economy
<b>Decision made:</b>	<p>Primary contract for supply and installation of Digital Household Grant awarded to Satellite And Terrestrial Works Ltd, with secondary suppliers of Metricell Limited and Posisoft.</p> <p>To have an up to value of £500k per supplier depending on uptake.</p>
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>The decision relates to recommendations in the cabinet member report of 18 November 2021 to provide a short term broadband solution for 2,324 premises descoped by Gigaclear that were as part of Stage 3 Lot 2-3c Contract.</p> <p>Satellite And Terrestrial Works Ltd were identified as the highest scoring and best economic value and therefore the primary supplier. The framework means that should this supplier be unable to fulfil the requirements over time there are two others suppliers who can provide service (Metricell Limited and Posisoft).</p> <p>The current grant is based on an assumption of initially 600 applications or circa 25% of applicants. The grant is paid to the supplier rather than the resident and funds cannot be supplied retrospectively. The grant will be open to households until January 2023.</p> <p>The decision is also to extend coverage to other premises in Herefordshire that have a combination of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less than 30Mbps (download) broadband</li> <li>• Not covered by any public intervention or commercial investment plans</li> <li>• Have applied to the Fastershire Community Grant and had no success in attracting bids for their areas for wired solutions due to cost; or initially assessed as number of premises being too small for consideration of community grant.</li> </ul>

<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	There is enough funds in the budget to cover the initial area. For the expanded scheme this will be evaluated as a potential risk for oversubscription (low risk).
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	The options to allow residents to simply claim for any supplier to supply a 4G service was not deemed appropriate and deemed as potentially open to abuse of the vulnerable and value for money. Therefore it was discounted in favour of a proven chosen supplier, proof of signal and site suitability and the delivery of a fully installed service rather than one that was for the residents to undertake themselves. Therefore supporting the delivery of a service suitable for rural use.
<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	None

Signed.....Natalia Silver..... Date: 28 April 2022