

16TH OCTOBER 2018

DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

RECOMMENDATIONS / KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:

To inform the Joint Committee of the current status of the digital infrastructure project funded under the Swansea Bay City Deal.

REASONS:

To ensure that the Joint Committee is regularly kept up-to-date on the Digital Infrastructure Project.

Report Author:

Helen Morgan

Designation:

**Economic Development
Manager
Carmarthenshire County
Council**

Tel No.

01267 224902

E.Mail: L

HLMorgan@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SWANSEA BAY CITY REGION JOINT COMMITTEE

16TH OCTOBER 2018

Digital Infrastructure Project Update

Digital Infrastructure Tender Award:

On 24th September 2018 a contract was awarded to CUBE Ultra Ltd in partnership with Innovation Point to deliver the Digital Infrastructure 5 Case Business Plan and supporting research. A secondary element of the contract will be to support the full development of a regional bid to LFFN Wave 3 which was launched in the summer 2018. An inception meeting was held w/c 1st October and the contract will run to the end of April 2018.

Local Full Fibre Network (LFFN):

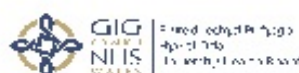
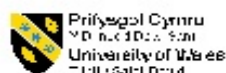
Work to progress a regional LFFN bid to the Wave 3 competition has begun and an initial expression of interest was submitted to, and accepted by, DCMS at the end of September 2018. The regional bid is being led by Swansea Council who, with the support of CUBE Ultra Ltd, will be developing the full bid for submission to DCMS later this year. Discussions with DCMS have continued to emphasise preference for larger, regional bids and a regional data gathering exercise is underway to ensure the needs and requirements of all areas of the Region are reflected.

5G in Wales:

Pan Wales group established, led by Innovation Point, to discuss and explore opportunities for Wales to harness and exploit deployment of 5G technologies. The SBCD Region has advanced thinking on 5G and was represented on the group when it met for the first time earlier this month.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

NO



IMPLICATIONS

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities NONE	Legal Not at this stage	Finance Not at this stage	Risk Management Issues Not at this stage	Staffing Implications NONE

CONSULTATIONS

Details of any consultations undertaken are to be included here: n/a

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection/WEBSITE LINK
Swansea Bay City Deal Website		http://www.swanseabaycitydeal.wales/

