

**22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 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.**

*This item was originally scheduled for discussion on the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018, however the meeting was inquorate. Members were however apprised of the current status of the Digital Infrastructure Tender Award, Local Full Fibre Network (LFFN) and 5G in Wales which together formed the digital infrastructure project funded under the Swansea Bay City Deal. Members also noted that an initial draft Business Case was due to be submitted to the Regional Office towards the end of December 2018.*

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## SWANSEA BAY CITY REGION JOINT COMMITTEE

### 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

#### Digital Infrastructure Project Update

##### Digital Infrastructure Tender Award:

On 24<sup>th</sup> 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. An inception meeting was held w/c 1<sup>st</sup> October and the contract will run to the end of April 2018. Development of the business case and is on track. Workshops have been held with the other SBCD projects to identify synergies and significant data gathered and analysis has been undertaken to support development of the plan.

##### Local Full Fibre Network (LFFN):

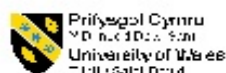
A secondary element of the contract will be to support the full development of a regional bid to LFFN Wave 3 which was launched in the summer 2018. Work to progress a regional LFFN bid to the Wave 3 competition has begun led by Swansea Council who, with the support of CUBE Ultra Ltd, will be developing 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 has been undertaken 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 is represented on the group who will discuss initial views on priorities for Wales on 16<sup>th</sup> November.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

NO



# IMPLICATIONS

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

## CONSULTATIONS

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		<a href="http://www.swanseabaycitydeal.wales/">http://www.swanseabaycitydeal.wales/</a>

