

Agenda Item Introduction

Committee POLICY AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR

NEIGHBOURHOODS AND REGENERATION

Date 6 JULY 2023

Topic ISLAND WIDE DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY

BACKGROUND

One of the administrations aspirations within the Corporate Plan 2021 is to support Island wide digital connectivity to support Island businesses and residents. The key activities as part of this are:

- Support Wight Fibre rollout of full fibre to the premises by June 2023
- Identify options to reach non-commercial property to enable maximum possible coverage by June 2023

The committee will review the progress with these key activities.

FOCUS FOR SCRUTINY

- The committee to consider whether the Council's intentions within the Corporate Plan regarding digital connectivity have taken place against the target of June 2023.
- How many properties are yet to be connected by Wight Fibre?
- If the rollout of full fibre has not been completed, when will they be completed?
- What are the lessons learned from Isle of Wight Council and Wight Fibre?
- What are the options that have been identified for reaching non-commercial properties and how will these options be progressed?

APPROACH

A presentation to be provided by John Irvine – CEO WightFibre.

APPENDICES ATTACHED

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