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Locality (County) Committee

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# TORRIDGE LOCALITY (COUNTY) COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 10th October, 2017

A meeting of the Torridge Locality (County) Committee is to be held on the above date at the rising of the HATOC or 11.30 am (whichever is the later) at Town Hall, Bridge Street, Bideford to consider the following matters.

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# AGENDA

#### **PART ONE - OPEN COMMITTEE**

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

(NB: In accordance with the Council's Constitution the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of this Committee must be a County Councillor).

3 <u>Items Requiring Urgent Attention</u>

Items which in the opinion of the Chairman should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency

4 Terms of Reference

To note the Committee's Terms of Reference:

- To receive briefings from and discuss with the relevant Locality Development Officer (who will act as Lead Officer to the Committee) and with other officers as necessary specific service and community issues and projects within the district and to make recommendations to the Cabinet on appropriate action.
- To improve information and communication with the public about its access to County Council services in the area and to monitor its performance in the delivery of

these services.

- To develop and ensure effective partnership working with the City, District or Borough
  - Council (as the case may be) and other partners in the discharge of local functions.
- To undertake any additional responsibilities and allocate budgets which may be delegated by the Cabinet from time to time.
- To consider, if required, any grant or award proposed by individual members from locality budget funds allocated by the Cabinet in line with the Locality Budget Operating Principles (set out at in the Council's Constitution Part 3).
- To express a vision for the areas reflecting cohesion principles and community views, demonstrate understanding of the make-up of the community and champion the participation of under-represented groups and promote integration of different groups.
- To administer those educational trusts in the Committee's area for which the County Council is Trustee.

Electoral Divisions(s): All in Torridge

# 5 South West Youth Games (Pages 1 - 10)

Presentation by James Jarroudi (Torridge District Council) and Chris Broadbent (SW Youth Games Board Member), papers attached

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#### 6 Community Hospital In-Patient Beds

In accordance with Standing Order 23(2) Councillor Parsons has requested that the Committee consider this matter

## 7 Purposeful Systems Thinking and Community Strategy

In accordance with Standing Order 23(2) Councillor B Parsons has requested that the Committee consider this matter

# 8 <u>Broadband Coverage: Torridge</u> (Pages 11 - 14)

In accordance with Standing Order 23(2) Councillor Saywell has requested that the Committee consider this matter

Briefing Note by Connecting Devon and Somerset, attached

#### 9 Local Member Updates

An opportunity for Members to update the Committee on community initiatives and responses to service changes in their own division.

#### 10 Dates of Meetings

1 March 2018, 19 June 2018, 16 October 2018 and 26 February 2019

Please use link below for County Council Calendar of Meetings: <a href="http://democracy.devon.gov.uk/mgCalendarMonthView.aspx?GL=1&bcr=1">http://democracy.devon.gov.uk/mgCalendarMonthView.aspx?GL=1&bcr=1</a>

# 11 <u>Council/Cabinet Forward Plan and Scrutiny Work Programme</u>

The Council/Cabinet Forward Plan and the Scrutiny Work Programme are available for inspection by using the links below, in the event that the Committee may wish to provide evidence to specific Task Groups or otherwise comment upon specific areas of activity to the appropriate Scrutiny Committee or the Cabinet.

http://democracv.devon.gov.uk/mgPlansHome.aspx?bcr=1

# PART II - ITEMS WHICH MAY BE TAKEN IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

NIL

#### Part II Reports

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Members are also reminded of the need to dispose of such reports carefully and are therefore invited to return them to the Democratic Services Officer at the conclusion of the meeting for disposal.

#### Membership

**County Councillors** 

Councillors A Eastman, L Hellyer, T Inch, B Parsons and A Saywell

District Council / DAPC

Councillors Hurley and J Whittaker

DALC

Councillor A Hewitt

#### **Declaration of Interests**

Members are reminded that they must declare any interest they may have in any item to be considered at this meeting, prior to any discussion taking place on that item.

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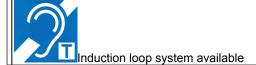
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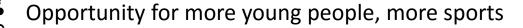




# SOUTH WEST YOUTH GAMES



- Launched in 1999 as the Devon Youth Games
- An Olympic-style county-wide competition
- A catalyst for community sport across Devon
- Journey towards the finals



Lost Lottery funding in 2014



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"The South West Youth Games has started on a new path. A Trust has been established which will now be in the driving seat for this expanding annual event."

"There are many people to thank for their generosity and commitment. Generous sponsorship has come from far and wide, from commercial, local authority and personal levels."

Sohn Coates (Chairman of the DYG Board of Trustees)





# 2015-2017

- The Games have survived
- Charitable status
- 19 Sports
- 1,000 competitors, 350 volunteers

10,000 in trials and training events

- Financial stability
- Cornwall joined the Games
- First ever satellite event





SWYG - Street Sports, Mount Hawke Event 2017



# **2018 AMBITIONS**

- Professionalisation
- Grow participation through innovation
- Develop targeted satellite events

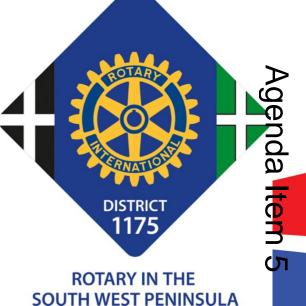
Deliver targeted multi-sport training sessions

- Develop a young volunteer programme
- Long-term financial security





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# **THE CHALLENGES AHEAD**

- Child obesity crisis
- Low rates physical activity
- Rise in mental health issues
- Ever tighter budgets and resources
  - Regional buy-in





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# **A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH**

- Local government
- National Governing Bodies
- Shared visions and clarity of purpose





- Contribute to your own objectives
- Make short-term and long-term impact on health and your community

• Value for money

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# **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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# **Connecting Devon and Somerset**

# **Torridge Briefing October, 2017**



# **Programme Update**

# **Summary**

Torridge is a priority area for Connecting Devon and Somerset. There are currently 34,648 premises (homes and businesses) in Torridge District. To date, an estimated 31,365 premises have access to or are planned to have access to superfast broadband by the end of 2019.

# **Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) delivery**

CDS has, so far, provided 14,282 premises in Torridge District with access to superfast broadband in Phase 1 and plan a further 5,036 for completion in Phase 2 by the end of 2019. The phase 2 delivery is via a contract with Airband. The company is building a fixed wireless network for CDS providing homes and businesses with access to superfast broadband speeds of at least 30Mbps.

Airband's construction programme is divided into stages: Survey & Design; Acquisition and Planning; Build; Go Live. Airband is currently working through the Survey & Design phase in Torridge and due to complete at the end of October.

# **Commercial delivery**

CDS estimates that the commercial sector has, so far, provided superfast access to a further 10,777 premises in Torridge District out of 12,047 planned. However, this analysis is based on figures provided by commercial providers in an Open Market Review (OMR) completed in June 2016.

A further OMR is underway and when completed will provide a more up to date picture of commercial delivery and future plans.

The commercial sector is not legally obliged to provide CDS with details of its planned investments. However, it should be in all parties' interests to share information.

# Government targets and CDS' role

Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK), a part of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), is responsible for implementing the Government's policy on superfast broadband roll-out which consists of three stages:

- to provide superfast broadband coverage to 90% of UK premises by early 2016 and access to basic broadband (2Mbps) for all from December 2015 "Phase 1"
- to provide superfast broadband coverage to 95% of UK premises by the end of 2017 "Phase 2"
- to explore options to provide superfast coverage to the hardest to reach parts of the UK "the final 5%"

It is important to note that Government targets represent an *average* coverage for the UK as a whole and are not set at a district level. They include all broadband infrastructure funded wholly by the commercial sector as well as public-subsidised programmes such as CDS.

Around two thirds of all broadband infrastructure built or planned across the CDS region is commercially funded and without public subsidy. The higher proportion of CDS-subsidised broadband infrastructure in Torridge District reflects lower levels of commercial investment. However, now that our Phase 1 contract has completed, it is encouraging to see Openreach still extending fibre coverage through their own private investment, building on the infrastructure we have already brought closer to rural areas through our Phase 1 subsidy.

CDS' role has always been to fill the gaps in rural communities and businesses where the private sector cannot build the commercial case to invest. It does this by gaining information from the market on their likely rollout plans over the period of any proposed public intervention.

The information returned from private companies is used to draw up an area that we are allowed to invest in under European State Aid law, the areas outside of private plans being eligible for public subsidy. CDS then awards public subsidised contracts to companies through competitive tender to build the infrastructure needed. Under State Aid procurement regulations, any contract has to be technology neutral and can only be awarded to companies offering so called next generation access (NGA) technologies. Broadly speaking this includes any technology capable of delivering a minimum of 30Mbps+, and encompasses both fibre based technologies as well as fixed wireless technologies.

For more information about the Government's broadband policy visit https://www.gov.uk/guidance/broadband-delivery-uk

#### **About CDS**

CDS is a local government-led broadband programme, the biggest public funded broadband programme in England. It is supported by funding from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, the EU's European Regional Development Fund, the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership and local authorities across the region, and includes investment from commercial partners.

Partner authorities are Devon and Somerset County Councils, Bath & North East and North Somerset unitary councils and Mendip, Sedgemoor, Taunton Deane, Teignbridge and West Somerset district councils.

Subject to final assurance, the latest data indicates that following Phase One of the CDS programme:

- Around 327,000 homes and businesses are now able to access faster broadband
- Around 282,000 have access to superfast speeds (note this represents an over achievement on the contractual Phase 1 superfast target of 279,000 connections agreed with BDUK)
- Take up is 39.7% -- 129,931 homes and businesses above national average 31%.

## **Phase Two**

In Phase Two, CDS' aim is that over 60,000 additional homes and businesses will be able to access superfast or ultrafast speeds by the end of 2019 under phase 2 of the CDS programme.

Contracts for Phase Two were split into six lots, five were awarded to ultrafast provider Gigaclear and one to superfast wireless provider Airband. (See accompanying map).

These are major engineering projects and require considerable pre-construction survey and planning.

Communities can check on the CDS website if they are in the Phase 2 rollout <a href="https://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/line-checker/">https://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/line-checker/</a>

#### **Vouchers**

The deadline for using existing vouchers expired on September 30. CDS will review the need for a second voucher scheme subject to available funding. This is to ensure public funding is targeted to achieve best value. Meanwhile, residents and businesses can register their interest in a potential future voucher scheme now by emailing CDS at <a href="mailto:broadbandvoucher-mailbox@devon.gov.uk">broadbandvoucher-mailbox@devon.gov.uk</a>

Homes and businesses that are connected under the voucher scheme are still eligible for inclusion in future phases of the CDS main programme.

For further information about the scheme and suppliers see https://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/cds-broadband-voucher-scheme/

# Additional investment by CDS

CDS is able to invest to additional funding from the EU European Regional Development Fund and from the Government's Broadband Delivery UK agency to increase superfast broadband coverage.

Our additional funding also includes public subsidy returned by BT as a "gainshare" or dividend from increased customer take-up of internet services. The sums involved are likely to be millions of pounds which will buy a lot of additional coverage for communities currently without a service.

We are currently in discussion with BT about the final amount our communities and businesses can expect to benefit from.

We will provide further updates of any extension to the coverage already planned.

# **Broadband speed definitions**

Ofcom defines the following services:

- Standard broadband services have download speeds of between 10 to 30 Mbps;
- Superfast broadband services have download speeds of 30 Mbps or more; and
- Ultrafast broadband services have download speeds of 300 Mbps or more.

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