

**RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION
BY CABINET**

ITEM:	Digital Infrastructure and Connectivity, Approval for Investment
Cabinet Members Present:	Councillors S E Geraghty (Chairman), M Bayliss, A I Hardman. M J Hart, K May, T Onslow, A C Roberts and M T Rouse.
Date of Decision:	2 February 2023
Purpose:	To consider the progress of the digital infrastructure and connectivity agenda within Worcestershire.
DECISION:	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) noted the accomplishments of the Superfast Worcestershire Programme and associated projects to improve digital connectivity within the county, in particular the increased capability to respond to challenges of the Covid 19 pandemic and the potential of ‘improved digital connectivity’ as an enabler of new services and delivery models, as set out in paragraphs 6 and 13 of the report; b) confirmed the ongoing commitment to decisions at the June 2017 meeting of Cabinet, specifically the delegated authority to the Strategic Director of Economy and Infrastructure in consultation with Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Economy, Infrastructure and Skills for reinvestment of underspend and up to £4m of Gainshare from Superfast Worcestershire Phase 1 and Phase 2; c) approved that the scope of the digital infrastructure and connectivity agenda has expanded in order to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. deliver the availability of gigabit capable broadband infrastructure to reach 90% of

	<p>the county's premises during 2027, and</p> <p>ii. work to further improve the experience of voice and data services for mobile telephone users in Worcestershire as set out in paragraphs 22 and 23 of the report; and</p> <p>d) authorised the Strategic Director of Economy and Infrastructure to take all necessary actions to progress the Digital Infrastructure and Connectivity agenda in accordance with the parameters set out in recommendations b) and c) above.</p>
Reason(s) for the Decision:	As set out in the report. To reconfirm the Council's ongoing commitment to improving digital infrastructure and connectivity.
Alternative Options Considered:	As set out in the report
Conflict of Interest (any declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/any dispensation granted)	None
Date the decision is due to take effect:	9 February 2023

SHEENA JONES, DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY MANAGER