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WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

RECORD OF OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION

Date Of Decision	27 March 2015
Decision Maker	Sander Kristel – Director of Commercial and Change
Brief Description Of Decision	<p><i>As part of the Government's "Superfast Britain" programme and BDUK framework contract. Worcestershire County Council awarded a contract to BT in August 2013 to extend fibre coverage across the County enabled through investment of £3.35m (BDUK) and £8.0m (WCC). This contract was awarded following robust due diligence and value for money assurance through BDUK and independent advisors working with the County Council. This programme has already enabled over 22,000 premises to get fibre and is due to be completed June 2016 – noting the programme is currently 3 months ahead of schedule.</i></p> <p><i>The Government subsequently announced additional funding to extend superfast fibre coverage and awarded Worcestershire a further £2.39m which was match funded through a successful local growth fund bid.</i></p> <p><i>Again, through BDUK's framework contract approach, the Council has progressed procurement of BT as the preferred provider to extend fibre coverage across the County to more than 8,000 additional premises.</i></p> <p><i>Further details are set out in the report to Cabinet on 5 February 2015. Cabinet agreed to proceed with the procurement and authorised the Director of Commercial and Change to complete the evaluation of tenders, undertake contract finalisation, award a contract to a preferred partner and supplier for the delivery of the Superfast Extension Programme and execute the contract. Cabinet also approved the delegation of powers to agree any future contractual change controls.</i></p> <p><i>Following appropriate due diligence and formal assurance through BDUK the Director of Commercial and Change has consulted with the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Economy, Skills and Infrastructure and Director of Business, Environment and Community in accordance with the Cabinet delegations, and he has approved the contract award to BT. The contract was signed on 27 March 2015.</i></p>
Reason(s) For Decision	<p><i>The reason for this decision is to ensure that Worcestershire's ambition to provide maximum fibre coverage to its local businesses and residents is realised. The delegated powers were agreed by Cabinet in February 2015 to ensure pace of contractual agreements and earliest commencement of the infrastructure deployment. The Director of Commercial and Change is further assured by the success of the current deployment programme and</i></p>

	<i>the formal assurance and value for money assessment secured from BDUK.</i>
Alternative Options Considered And Rejected	<p><i>Alternative options would have been to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Not award a contract to the only framework provider and bidder for Worcestershire's Superfast Extension Programme</i>
Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted	No