

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

RECORD OF OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION

Date Of Decision	June 2020
Decision Maker	John Hobbs - Director of Economy and Infrastructure in consultation with the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Economy, Skills and Infrastructure Ken Pollock.
Brief Description Of Decision	Connecting Worcestershire Local Body Partnership Extension: In June 2017 the Council's Cabinet reviewed the 'Connecting Worcestershire Phase 3 Broadband Programme' under agenda item 4; within this item the delegated authority was granted to the Director of Economy and Infrastructure in consultation with Cabinet Member Responsible for Economy, Skills and Infrastructure (CMR), for a number of decisions. Following this an initial 'officer decision' was made on 14 December 2017 (Appendix A) and subsequently in June 2018 (Appendix B) comprising the decision to reinvest Council(.MS53.66q181.03 212.69 368.33 371.8

agenda. By committing a significant amount of underspend at this stage, the Council increases the ability of the supplier to seek efficiencies within the existing deployment timeframe and schedule. The immediate 'modelling request' provides scale and scope across the county to maxim

demand and the return of the supplier is also an advantage of the preferred option.

Invest, subject to commercial considerations, the remaining funds from the previously allocated £8.5m of Council capital funding (i.e. underspend) and further claw-back monies (positive take-up claw-back) via a fourth procurement to appoint a suitable supplier to model and extend coverage beyond the already contracted fibre infrastructure: Although this option would contribute towards extending the fibre footprint, it would require additional resource and it would be projected, as a result of economies of scale, to be less beneficial

