

## LEAD MEMBER FOR RESOURCES

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Resources, Councillor David Elkin, on 19 December 2018 at County Hall, Lewes

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### 26 DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 25 OCTOBER 2018

26.1 The Lead Member approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 25 October 2018.

### 27 REPORTS

27.1 Reports referred to in the minutes below are contained in the minute book.

### 28 EAST SUSSEX PUBLIC SERVICES NETWORK - BUSINESS CASE FOR A LOCAL FULL FIBRE NETWORK SCHEME (LFFN)

28.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer, together with the exempt information contained in Item 7.

#### DECISIONS

28.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED: (1) to note the background and the scope of the Local Full Fibre Network proposal;

(2) to agree to the principle of replacing a leased public service network core infrastructure with a public sector owned fibre spine;

(3) to agree to the inclusion of the proposal to the capital programme; and

(4) to delegate authority to the Chief Operating Officer to take all actions necessary to give effect to recommendations 2 and 3 above, subject to the Council's bid to the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) being approved and receipt of the DCMS funding.

#### Reasons

28.3 The LFFN Challenge Fund scheme provides an opportunity for East Sussex County Council and partners within the Link Consortium to move from a lease model to an ownership model for the core component of the Link Wide Area Network. It is anticipated that this transition from leasing to ownership would reduce operating costs and also allow for the delivery of a higher capacity and more scalable infrastructure. Alongside these benefits the ultra-fast infrastructure would also contribute to the development of the rural digital economy, enabling the private sector to leverage the infrastructure assets to offer a Full Fibre service beyond public sector, which in turn would offer a greater opportunity for small and medium sized digital enterprises to operate within the County.

### 29 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

29.1 RESOLVED to exclude the public and press on the grounds that reports contain exempt/confidential information as specified in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of the Local Government

Act 1972 (as amended) namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

30 EAST SUSSEX PUBLIC SERVICES NETWORK - BUSINESS CASE FOR A LOCAL FULL FIBRE NETWORK SCHEME (LFFN)

30.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer.

DECISIONS

30.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to note the contents of the report and appendix.

Reasons

30.3 The report and appendix contain information in support of an earlier agenda item.