

Committee	Date:
IS Sub Committee	11 th March 2015
Subject: Superfast City Programme Update	Public
Report of: Graham Bell, Chief Information Officer	For Information
Summary	
<p>The Superfast City Programme (previously known as the Telecommunications Strategy) is in place to assess market effectiveness in delivery of high-speed fibre broadband across the City that would be available at an affordable price for residents and small businesses (SMEs) and increase the depth and breadth of wireless voice and data coverage within the Square Mile. It aims to achieve a comprehensive solution for ubiquitous connectivity and encourage providers to meet this requirement on their own initiative.</p> <p>Both the wired and wireless workstreams are progressing well. On wired there is a positive engagement continuing with BT around extensions of pilots to further sites, as well as broader market engagement. On the wireless workstream Mott McDonald have been appointed to construct the wholesale concession procurement and this work is progressing to plan, with a vendor open day in March, working towards awarding a contract from Sept 2015.</p> <p>The attached highlight report provides an update on programme progress to date and next steps.</p>	
Recommendation(s)	
<p>Members are asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the report and the progress made • Discuss any areas of concern 	

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Project Title:		Superfast City Programme			
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Status Update		<p>The Telecommunications Programme is now rebranded as ' Superfast City Programme' (SCP) to note the move from a strategic to implementation phase. The existing programme team has been strengthened to drive the programme. Good progress is being made across wired and wireless programme workstreams and further activities are planned, including engagement with the market, businesses and residents to drive broader availability of broadband and improve take up in the BT Pilot areas. On the wireless workstream the wholesale concession procurement will commence with a vendor open day in mid-March, with a view to completing the procurement in Sept 2015.</p>			
Key Achievement last month					
Wired <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BT Pilot completed and trial underway at Middlesex St Estate and 65 London Wall trialling fibre to the basement infrastructure – a global first. • Publicity drive with residents and ratepayers via leaflets, posters, online content and residential & tenant meetings to encourage SMEs and residents to take up the offer of affordable superfast broadband through contact with their ISP (internet service provider.) • 45 new applications for City Voucher Scheme (CVS) since December, bringing total since launch to 265 – this is only open to businesses. • BT pilot 14 new orders at Middlesex Street, 2 at London Wall 			Wireless <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaged Mott McDonald as procurement partner • Vendor Open Day planned for Tuesday 17 March • Identification of street furniture and CCTV information for Vendor Open Day • Panel identified for the Open Day • PIN (Procurement Invitation Notice) for Vendor Open Day now live • The Corporation will participate in a major international Conference (Wireless Broadband Alliance) hosted in the City in May 2015. 		

Next Milestones

Wired

- Review of BT pilot progress at Middlesex Street and 65 London Wall scheduled for 4 March with BT representatives.
- Further meetings scheduled with BT to discuss future activity and opportunity/new sites
- Meeting with consultancies to drive forward demand modelling and broader supplier engagement are on-going and a verbal update will be given to the Committee.

Wireless

- Preparation of material, logistics and speakers for Vendor Open Day - Tuesday 17th March
- Following Open Day, invitation to participate in dialogue (ITPD) with suppliers in a bid to shortlist contenders – five working days to do this
- Publishing of the PQQ (Pre-Qualification Questionnaire) to shortlist suppliers on Wednesday 25 March 2015.
- Comprehensive research and intelligence for shortlisted suppliers. e.g. street furniture, CCTV locations and building assets
- Continue engagement with departments in CoLC and CoLP to discuss impact of wireless concession e.g. street furniture, CCTV etc.
- Further publicity to drive interest and adoption among residents and SMEs.
- Explore with BT and other relevant partners any further potential technologies that could facilitate superfast broadband previously unexplored e.g. Fibre to remote node.

Key Risks & Issues

Risk/ Issue	Description	Mitigating action	Target Resolution Date
Risk 1	Availability of internal resource to support the programme throughout its lifecycle.	Publishing project plans, engaging chief officers and senior managers to ensure early visibility regarding programme requirements and strategic/operational buy-in.	13 October 2015.

Issue 1	On the wired workstream there has been a poor market response to our market engagement and demand modelling request for quote.	<p>We have subdivided this work into the market engagement and demand modelling and are now approach consultants who have skills in each area to potentially take forward two separate appointments</p> <p>We will also revisit survey information from SMEs, plan further engagement to drive interest in SMEs expressing demand.</p>	March 2015
Issue 2	Open Day clash with Senior Leadership Forum (also scheduled for Tuesday 17 March)	Early approach for key stakeholder attendance regarding timeslots.	End February 2015