



## Local body Partnership (LBP) Details and Eligibility Criteria

### LBP Process

The community will need to register an interest on [BT's Community Fibre Partnership](#) website in order to get a quotation for the required upgrade work. Once a quotation is available, the community or business will need to fill in an '[Expression of Interest](#)' form and send it to [superfast@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:superfast@worcestershire.gov.uk). Eligibility checks can then be undertaken by the Superfast Worcestershire project team. If successful, a letter will be issued confirming the Superfast Worcestershire Local Body Partnership Fund offer, which will be valid for 60 days. The community will then be required to pay their contribution to Worcestershire County Council, via an agreed process, details of which will be shared with the community. Once the council receives payment in full, the Superfast Worcestershire project team will initiate the start of the project. The community will be kept informed of project progress by the BT CFP community liaison team. WCC recommends that a formal group is set up to represent each community, manage the process as well as the finances on behalf of the community.

### Local body Partnership Eligibility Criteria

- Eligible premises **must be** within the Superfast Worcestershire intervention area (*specified as superfast broadband "white" in the latest Speed & Coverage Template, e.g. premises without access to 30Mbps service and not featuring in the current deployment plan. If unsure – please [check](#)*).
- Community funding **will not** be allocated to premises already in the plan.
- **Communities should note that once they commit to a CFP they will no longer be considered for deployment as part of the main programme, unless their process is not completed.**
- Support funding will be allocated based on the number of eligible premises gaining access to superfast broadband services (>24 Megabits per second) through the BT CFP programme.
- For quotes totalling under £400 per premises, WCC will contribute the first £200; each eligible property will then be required to contribute the remaining amount
- For quotes between £400 and £1,700 per premises, each eligible property will be required to contribute the first £200; WCC will contribute the remaining amount up to £1,500 per premises.
- For quotes exceeding £1,700 per premises, each eligible property will be required to contribute the first £200 plus 50% of the total amount above £1,700 per eligible premises. WCC will contribute £1,500 plus the remaining 50% above £1,700 per property (caps apply).
- As a guide, WCC funding will be capped at a maximum of £80,000 per community application and £5,000 per premises passed. Any applications exceeding these amounts will still be reviewed and considered on an individual basis before approval can be granted.
- Additional checks may be required if there is any possibility that other network providers have plans to deliver superfast broadband services in the coming 12 months and the programme reserves the right to decline an application.
- **Better Broadband Subsidy Scheme vouchers** may potentially be available for eligible premises (sub 2Mbps) to offset the cost of developing an enhanced local broadband network. If successful in securing the voucher, eligible premises will be able to utilise the £350 voucher as their contribution and to reduce the overall cost. More information about the scheme is available [here](#).
- Please note the project team are currently in the process of investigating if it will be possible for communities to use 'Vouchers' from a number of schemes to also act as the local community match. Communities are encouraged to contact the team for more details.
- WCC may review the programme and reserves the right to amend or change the rules of the scheme as is deemed appropriate.
- By undertaking a LBP the community recognises that if the anticipated cost is below that quoted by BT, WCC will retain the 'underspend'; by the same token, WCC accepts the risk that if estimated costs increase, the programme will accept the full additional costs up to the maximum limits of the LBP scheme (£80,000 per community), at which point they will discuss this with the community.
- WCC reserve the right to withdraw from the LBP commitments should excessive wayleave costs were requested by the community.