





## Appendix A

# WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## RECORD OF OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION

<b>Date Of Decision</b>	14/12/2017
<b>Decision Maker</b>	John Hobbs - Director of Economy and Infrastructure in consultation with Cabinet Member Responsible for Economy, Skills and Infrastructure – Ken Pollock.
<b>Brief Description Of Decision</b>	<p>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, amongst other decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• to undertake evaluation of tenders for the Phase 3 Broadband contract and, subject to being satisfied as to value for money and fully securing external public funding, to (i) finalise and execute that contract, and (ii) to approve future potential change controls to ensure pace is maintained from contract award in Summer 2017 until the end of the contract;</li><li>• when the solution to Phase 3 is known, to reinvest the remaining</li></ul>





	<p>demand and the return of the supplier is also an advantage of the preferred option.</p> <p><b>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:</b> 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 at the current time.</p>
<p><b>Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted</b></p>	<p>No</p>

## Appendix B

**Alternative  
Options  
Considered And  
Rejected**

number of variables between now and the end of the programme it is also necessary to reserve the right to make further decisions, as allowed within the boundaries of the June 2017 Council Cabinet delegation.

Three other options were considered and subsequently rejected:

**Option 1:** Not to invest the funds into broadband, therefore returning a proportionate percentage (c.35% in respect of contract 1) back to BDUK; noting that when current deployment is complete c.15,000 premises of Worcestershire premises will be 'left behind' and without access to at least 24Mbps.

**Option 2:** Invest, subject to commercial considerations, the remaining funds from the previously allocated £8.5m of WCC capital funding (i.e. underspend) and further claw-back monies (positive take-up claw-back)