

Infrastructure and Environment Council Plan Performance Report Quarter 2 2022-23

Progress on Council Plan deliverables and key measures

A prosperous and green Derbyshire

-  **Prepared a countywide response to the Integrated Rail Plan for the Midlands and the North in relation to HS2 to minimise any potential disruption and take full advantage of the economic growth opportunities**

Rating: Review (Good in Q1) Expected completion date: 31 Mar 2023

The HS2 development study regarding HS2 proposals around Chesterfield and Toton is on-going, with an expected completion date of summer 2023. On-going consultation on the electrification of the Midland Mainline through the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site is taking place with both Network Rail and the Department for Transport (DfT). There is still no confirmation from the DfT on the HS2 to Leeds Study Terms of Reference. A review and refresh of the HS2 Growth Strategy is being undertaken which will help maximise the economic opportunities for Derbyshire.

-  **Completed Outline Business Case and prepared a planning application to progress the Chesterfield to Staveley Regeneration Route, which will create new homes and jobs for the area**

Rating: Action (Review in Q1) Expected completion date: 30 Jun 2022

The Outline Business Case was completed on time and supplied in draft form to Government. Cabinet approval is being sought (December 2022) to formally submit the OBC to Govt which will secure the level of grant funding available to the project. Work continues on preparation of a planning application and also with Government and local partners over project funding. Costs associated with the scheme are still under review.

-  **Developed the Natural Capital Strategy, identifying areas where the natural environment can be further enhanced whilst also supporting the green economy**

Rating: Good (Strong in Q1) Expected completion date: 31 Dec 2022

The consultants producing the Derbyshire Natural Capital Strategy have submitted their final draft and it is currently being reviewed by Officers. The key findings of which will be reported in Quarter 3. The strategy will support with the preparation and delivery of the Derbyshire Local Nature Strategy which will be developed in 2023.

 **Increased take-up of fibre enabled broadband across Derbyshire, particularly in rural areas, to improve access, speed and reliability for homes and businesses**

Rating: Good (Review in Q1) Expected completion date: 31 Mar 2025

The Gigabit Voucher scheme has supported 30 community projects, facilitating up to 1,547 premises to receive a Gigabit capable broadband service. The cost of "Top Up" to the Council to date is £328,710. This scheme is now paused until a new scheme is launched.






Project Gigabit is nearing the final design stage for Derbyshire and procurement is expected to commence in November 2022. We anticipate that around 55,000 premises across the county will benefit from Project Gigabit intervention. Delivery is expected to commence in December 2023.

A number of independent Alternative Network companies have started delivering Gigabit capable broadband services in Derbyshire. These include Netomnia, Full Fibre Ltd and Gigaclear. These are predominantly in more heavily populated areas but is a positive step in increasing the fibre footprint across the County. This is in addition to the upgrade activity being undertaken commercially (without state subsidy intervention) by Openreach and Virgin Media O2.

The latest data from Think Broadband suggests that 97.2% of premises across the county can access a Superfast broadband service (>30Mbps) and 45.09% of premises can access a Gigabit capable service. Currently 0.95% of premises only have access to a broadband service below 10Mbps (around 3,600 premises). These premises are captured in the Intervention Area design for Project Gigabit.

The Digital Derbyshire Team will continue to work with the Department for Culture, Media and Sport and telecoms suppliers to maximise the positive outcomes for Derbyshire. Weekly meetings are in place to achieve this and progress remains in line with expectations.

Key

	Deliverables	Measures
	Strong – performing strongly	Strong – more than 5% better than target (2% better than target if the target is greater than 95%).
	Good – performing well	Good
	Review – will be kept under review to ensure performance is brought back on track	Review – more than 2% worse than target.
	Action – additional action will be/is being taken to bring performance back on track	Action – more than 10% worse than target.
	No commentary has been received	Data not available/Target not set.