

Infrastructure and Environment Council Plan Performance Report Quarter 3 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: Good (Review in Q2) Expected completion date: 31 Mar 2023

No HS2 route construction is now planned within Derbyshire, however economic growth opportunities are still being pursued. Additional work on the HS2 Growth Strategy is now commissioned by the East Midlands Development Corporation, with Council Officers engaged in this process.

- ✓ **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: Good (Action in Q2) Original completion date: 30 Jun 2022 Expected completion date: 31 Mar 2025

Cabinet at the meeting on 8 December 2022 approved submission of the Outline Business Case and this has now been completed. Officers are now progressing critical mobilisation work which includes preparation of detailed ground investigation. In due course the project will enable the delivery of up to 1,500 homes and 5,700 jobs.

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

Rating: Good Original completion date: 31 Dec 2022 Expected completion date: 31 Mar 2023

The initial final draft of the Derbyshire Natural Capital Strategy was submitted by the end of September 2022. The Strategy is being refined but should be completed before the end of the financial year.

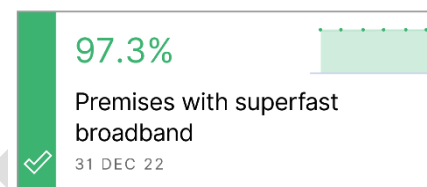
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✔ Increased take-up of fibre enabled broadband across Derbyshire, particularly in rural areas, to improve access, speed and reliability for homes and businesses

Rating: Good

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. It has been announced by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) that the voucher values will increase to £4.5k per home and per business. It will need to be discussed as to what extent the Council will contribute to the Top Up scheme going forward.



2021-2022	96.9%
2022-2023	97.3%
Target	97.3%
Performance	✔ Good

Project Gigabit is nearing the final design stage for Derbyshire with two intervention areas, one being the more rural northern areas of Derbyshire and the rest of Derbyshire. Procurement is expected to commence in early 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. We anticipate that around 36,000 premises across the county will benefit from Project Gigabit intervention. Delivery is expected to commence in 2024. This has decreased from the proposed 55,000 due to this commercial activity.

The latest data from Think Broadband suggests that 97.3% of premises across the county can access a Superfast broadband service (>30 bps) and 46.8% of premises can access a Gigabit capable service. Currently 0.93% 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 DCMS 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.

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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.