

# Highways, Transport & Infrastructure Quarter 2 Performance Report 2020/2021

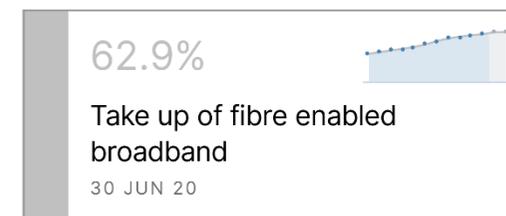
## Progress on Council Plan deliverables and key measures

### A prosperous and green Derbyshire

#### ✓ Increased the fibre enabled broadband coverage across Derbyshire for homes and businesses

Progress is being made towards planned targets within the BT contract. Delays to BT installations have been experienced due to Covid-19 restrictions including road closures, civils teams and power companies. Openreach are working to complete the remaining installation commitments under the Phase 2 Contract but an extension of the current contract timescales will be required. We are also waiting for 3 change requests to be agreed (Data set realignment , descope and rescope). Once these are resolved we will have a clearer indication of timescales to complete the contract. The Digital Derbyshire Team are experiencing an increase in enquiries from communities across Derbyshire due to Covid-19 related dependence on broadband for Homeworking. The Derbyshire "Top Up" scheme was approved in quarter 2 and is now in place for supporting applications to the Rural Gigabit Voucher Scheme and the team are working with communities to identify opportunities and maximise take-up of this valuable initiative.

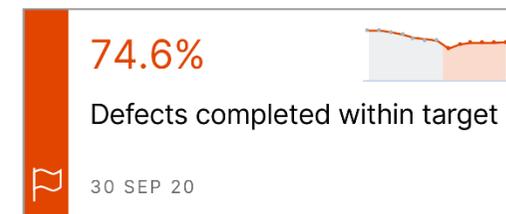
Take up was 63% up to June 2020 with 67,855 homes or businesses across phase 1 and 2 with fibre enabled broadband.



#### ✓ Invested in well maintained roads and highways infrastructure

A £40 million programme of highway improvements has been put together, a significant increase in funding when compared to previous years. The schemes cover a wide range of maintenance and improvement work to roads and pavements, bridges and structures, street lighting and rights of way. Schemes are also included that will address local road safety issues and that will help to support an increase in cycling across the county. A significant slice of the funding will be targeted at repairs resulting from the floods that hit the county in late 2019 and early 2020 that left behind damaged carriageways and structures, and two major landslips that washed away roads are being addressed. A programme to tackle drainage and surface deterioration and prevent potholes is also in progress.

The year to date figure of 74.6% of defects completed within target reflects a recent improvement in performance with 84.2% of those defects completed in September being within target. Of the 26 urgent defects completed in quarter 2, 25 (96%) were completed on time



#### ✓ Worked to maximise growth opportunities arising from HS2 and to mitigate impact

Limited progress has been made on mitigation works during quarter 2 as the Government's Integrated Rail Plan (IRP) and National Infrastructure Commission (NIC) reports are not due to be issued until November/ December. These reports will set out the scope and timescales of HS2 Eastern Leg going forward. Work has continued however, to develop the programme for future areas of evidence to be commissioned and the recruitment of an HS2 Project Manager. The HS2 Skills and Supply Chain workstream and the two delivery boards (Chesterfield and Toton) have continued to meet during quarter 2 and masterplanning for both sites is making good progress – but inevitably will be impacted by the findings of the two reports.

**✔ Completed the development and started the implementation of The Derbyshire Infrastructure Investment Plan to support good growth**

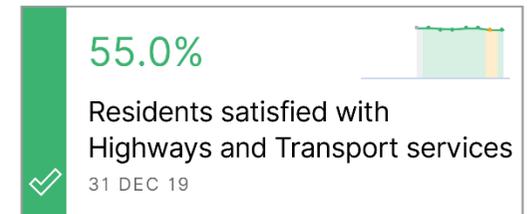
Work on the Derbyshire Infrastructure Investment Plan has continued at pace but through discussion with the Derbyshire Chief Executives, borough and district council planning officers, it is now proposed to shape the work into a more refined document, the Strategic Growth and Infrastructure Framework (SGIF). This will help identify and prioritise Derbyshire County Council's pipeline of capital projects that enable the wider regeneration programmes for the County. A report is to be presented to the Derby and Derbyshire Chief Executives meeting and the Derby and Derbyshire Joint Committee in quarter 3 to confirm the approach and the content of the new SGIF.

## High performing council services

**✔ Continued to maintain high levels of customer satisfaction in the Council's Highway and Transport Services**

The diversion of all the highways construction services in the early stages of lockdown helped to make significant reductions to the backlog of repairs to the network following the winter and flood damage. Much of the current £40 million highways programme is aimed at addressing the condition of roads and footways, a key measure of customer satisfaction.

The results from the 2020 National Highways and Transportation (NHT) survey will be available in quarter 3.



**Key**   Strong   Good   Review   Action   Data not available/Target not set