

**EXECUTIVE DECISIONS TAKEN BY CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDER OR DELEGATED OFFICER
NOTICE OF DECISION**

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER AND CONTACT OFFICER

TITLE OF DECISION: RURAL BROADBAND			
NAME OF DECISION TAKER:	COUNCILLOR ABBOTT BRYNING		
POSITION AND RESPONSIBILITY HELD:	CABINET MEMBER WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ECONOMY		
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<p>Details of Decision: To decide which rural broadband project the City Council should support.</p> <p>(1) That the City Council supports the rural broadband bid submitted by Lancashire County Council.</p> <p>(2) That this support is conditional on the county council confirming that the outcomes anticipated from the city council's RDPE broadband project will be delivered under the first phase of the county project.</p> <p>(3) Subject to approval of the above, the city council's bid for RDPE funding be withdrawn and officer resources be directed to assist the county project and enable local community engagement and scrutiny of the proposals.</p>			
<p>Reasons for the decision:</p> <p>Both the City and County council have been preparing funding bids for rural broadband projects. The County Council's bid would cover the whole of rural Lancashire whilst the City Council's would cover Abbeystead (via Quernmore), Arkholme, Melling, Wennington, Wray and Caton.</p> <p>Discussions at officer level have revealed that the County Council will be prepared to undertake the City Council's project as the first phase of the County scheme. With this in mind, it is an appropriate moment to consider whether to continue with the smaller pilot bid or whether to work with the County Council on the wider bid.</p> <p>The officer recommendation is to work with the County Council provided guarantees are given over geographic coverage, line speed and timing of implementation.</p>			
<p>IS THE DECISION URGENT</p> <p>No</p>			
<p>I confirm that I have taken account of the options proposed by officers, the various implications set out in the report and the comments of the Monitoring and Section 151 Officers and am authorising the decision as set out above.</p>			
SIGNATURE OF DECISION TAKER:	Councillor Abbott Bryning		
DATE:	2 February 2011		
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