

Report of: Corporate Director of Homes and Neighbourhoods
Cllr O'Halloran Executive Member for Homes and Communities

Meeting of: Housing Scrutiny Committee

Date: 7th November 2023

Report to Housing Scrutiny Committee

Portfolio Holder: Councillor O'Halloran

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Subject: Fibre Broadband update

Executive Summary

Update on programme delivery.

Through the council's delivery team, the council continues to work with three providers to deliver the broadband programme roll out. The council now conducts weekly meetings with each provider and are constantly working to ensure that health and safety and design requirements are adhered to within the constraints of the wayleave agreement:

The council is also liaising with residents, TMO's and TRAs to ensure everyone receives regular updates.

The council have now developed guidance to help providers meet our requirements for listed buildings, considering the requirements for our street properties.

Cabling is now complete for 2379 properties or 7% of the council's properties. Appendix 1 provides further detail about the programme status by ward.

We continue to consult regularly with colleagues across the council to maximise on our partnership working with the providers, make introductions to colleagues where appropriate, provide input where useful and to extract community value from the programme.

The Community Centre at Peregrine House now has a live connection.

Any questions can be forwarded direct to the Islington Broadband email address (islingtonbrodband@islington.gov.uk). We continue to answer questions from residents and councillors.

G-Network

Weekly mobilisation meetings are now underway.

Community Fibre

We continue to work with Community Fibre and have approved over 168 survey packs to date.

Hyperoptic

We continue to work with Hyperoptic and have approved 106 survey packs to date.

BT Openreach

We received further communication from BT Openreach but there is no progress to report relating to BT Openreach adopting the council's Wayleave Agreement.

Financial Implications

There are no known new financial implications associated with this report.

Legal Implications

There are no known new legal implications associated with this report.

CARE Values

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