



## POWYS PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD

<b>Step 4</b>	Work with and influence others to improve digital infrastructure
<b>PSB lead</b>	David Powell
<b>Partners involved</b>	Welsh Government Open Reach British Telecom
<b>Scope of the step</b> What needs to be done to deliver the step?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the delivery of improved digital connectivity and support businesses to take advantage of the technology</li> <li>• Improved digital connectivity and support for businesses</li> <li>• Supporting Superfast Broadband implementation and take-up</li> </ul>
<b>Where are we now?</b> Current position, knowledge, information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The current position with the roll out for phase 2 is that the tenders are still being assessed. Four tenders were issued for the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase. No date for when the contracts will be awarded yet, anticipate a decision late summer.</li> </ul>
<b>Activity to date</b> What has been done already?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is interest for community broadband projects at the following locations and advice has been given. These projects are in their early stages and are considering options for support as community bids under Welsh Governments Access Broadband Cymru Grant Scheme: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yscir (Brecon)</li> <li>• Ystradfellte (Ystradgynlais)</li> <li>• Llanafan Fawr (Newbridge on Wye)</li> <li>• Llanfihangel-yng-Ngwynfa (Llanffynlin)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Promotional material has been produced to support community broadband initiatives and Powys web resource is available</li> <li>• <b>Julie James AM</b> gave a presentation at the Vodafone Breakfast meeting and emphasised the need for <b>alternative community led solutions</b>. She used our <b>Crai project</b> as a good example. She would be very <b>keen for Welsh Government to give an update to Powys members</b> and also use the opportunity as a platform to encourage members to engage with their communities to bring forward Community Led Broadband Schemes / funding applications through the ABC voucher programme – September / October TBC.</li> </ul>



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<p><b>Activity for coming 3 months</b></p> <p>What do you plan to do?</p>	<p>Working with Welsh Government to organise a presentation to Powys local members on current position of Phase 2 programme and community broadband support. Welsh Government has indicated availability for October 2018.</p> <p>Using the member briefing as a platform to increase marketing activity and promotion of available support for community broadband schemes.</p> <p>Continuing support for the Business Wales Superfast Broadband exploitation through direct marketing support of Superfast support events for Powys Businesses and engagement through our own Powys Business Breakfast Networking events.</p> <p>Continuing engagement with community organisations to develop Community Led Broadband Proposals.</p>
<p><b>Barriers</b></p> <p>Is something/someone getting in the way?</p>	<p>Resource – Activity in the next two months will have a strong focus on the Powys Business Networking Events, development of the Brecon Business Improvement District, Brecon Place Plan support, development of Powys Inward Investment Strategy, development of Grow in Powys marketing materials and activity.</p>