



Orkney Partnership Board

Minute of the meeting of the Orkney Partnership Board held at 11:30 on 14 June 2018 in the Council Chamber, Kirkwall

Present:	James Stockan Gail Anderson Graeme Harrison Seonag Campbell Eilidh Johnston Alan Johnston Ian Kinniburgh John McKenna Leslie Manson Gerry O'Brien Bill Ross Gillian Morrison Jeremy Richardson Kristin Scott Graham Sinclair Craig Spence Matt Webb	Orkney Islands Council (<i>Chair</i>) Voluntary Action Orkney Highlands and Islands Enterprise Skills Development Scotland (<i>items 1-12</i>) Scottish Environment Protection Agency Scottish Government NHS Orkney Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (<i>items 1-12</i>) Orkney Islands Council (<i>items 1-12</i>) NHS Orkney Orkney College (<i>items 1-10</i>) Orkney Islands Council Integration Joint Board Scottish Natural Heritage (<i>items 1-12</i>) HiTrans Orkney Housing Association Limited Police Scotland and Orkney Community Justice Partnership
By invitation (for item 13)	Duncan Nisbet Shona Croy Tom Gilmore Karen Greaves Hayley Green Kenny MacPherson Kirsty Groundwater Shaun Hourston-Wells Hazel Robertson Gerard McCormack	Scottish Government R100 Programme Orkney Islands Council NHS Orkney Orkney Islands Council Orkney Island Council Orkney Islands Council Orkney Islands Council Orkney Health and Care NHS Orkney Improvement Service
In attendance:	Anna Whelan Marie Love	Orkney Islands Council (<i>Secretary</i>) Orkney Islands Council
Apologies:	Alistair Buchan Ken Massie Garry Reid	Orkney Islands Council VisitScotland Scottish Sports Council

Item	Topic	Lead	Purpose
1	Draft minutes of the last meeting of the Board on 19 March 2018	Chair	To amend as necessary and agree the minutes
1.1	The minutes were agreed.		

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2	Matters arising	Chair	
2.1	<u>Item 12 (Locality Plan)</u>		
	<p>Re the Locality Plan, which had been agreed by the Board, it was noted that a screening report had been submitted to the Scottish Government's Strategic Environmental Assessment Team. They confirmed that the Consultation Authorities had considered the report and agreed that a full Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment was not required. The Plan would be presented to OIC for consideration in so far as it relates to the council and would be circulated to other partners who may want to present it to their respective boards.</p>		<u>Action: AFW/ML</u>
3	Executive Group report		To report progress
3.1	<u>Update from the Group</u>	Gail Anderson	
3.1.1	<p>Gail Anderson reported that the Executive Group had met on 30 May 2018 when the main item of discussion had been external air services. Board members had been invited to the meeting for the discussion with Jonathan Hinkles, Managing Director of Loganair Ltd. Gail highlighted the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern had been expressed re the reduced service to Inverness over a six-week period in early 2018 and the lack of consultation with service users. This had resulted in logistical and financial issues for individuals and organisations in Orkney. It was explained that the reduction in service had been due to a shortage of aircraft because of maintenance checks. Loganair had considered a range of options and this route had ultimately been chosen because it was the least commercially viable, affected the lowest number of passengers, and was therefore the 'least bad' option. Loganair acknowledged that the reduction in service had not been well communicated and lessons had been learned. The service on this route will be reduced again in November / December 2018 but it is not anticipated this will happen in Spring 2019. • Loganair had experienced significant losses during the period it had been in competition with Flybe and these had not been sustainable. It had subsequently been necessary to raise prices, but any increases were done on an incremental basis and more seats were now available. • There had been issues on the Kirkwall / Glasgow route around timetabling. Loganair acknowledged they had got it wrong in terms of how the change was handled, but not in terms of the change. An additional flight to Glasgow had been put on during weekdays at noon but it would be necessary to review this because of low passenger numbers. • Plans are currently being made for summer 2019 and no fundamental change is anticipated. Early bookings for the nonstop Manchester service 		

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			<p>were looking good with 75% of the seats already sold before the first flight takes off, the majority of these being inbound.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work will commence shortly on replacing aircraft. Options are still being discussed and no firm decisions have been made but it is not anticipated there will be significant changes around frequency.
3.1.2			<p>Noted that the session had been helpful, but it was unfortunate that Jonathan Hinkles had not been able to attend in person and had participated via Skype. Agreed it would be of benefit to engage in a more focused conversation by having Jonathan present so an invitation should be extended. While he had been open and honest the fact remains that Orkney is on the receiving end of a reduction in service. <u>Action: AFW/ML</u></p>
3.1.3			<p>During discussion the following points were also highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re. the Inverness route, while the daily flight service had been reintroduced, Fridays had not been included which meant people travelling to Inverness were only there for 1.5 hours. • Members agreed that 70% of inbound traffic from Manchester was very positive news from a tourism perspective. • There had been reference in the media to a potential Loganair commitment to modern apprenticeships, but this had not been referred to during the meeting. • Loganair had made a 'Shetland pledge' and was apparently undertaking a similar pledge for Orkney but this had not yet been done. Members were keen to ensure this was forthcoming. <u>Action: GS</u> • It was hoped that, as the company recovers, the service reduction in autumn may not be necessary in future years. There was a need to work towards a basis where Orkney should not accept this as a regular occurrence. • There was a need also to press on the subject of ADS for business travel, but it would be more appropriate to do so with the Transport Minister rather than Loganair. • NHS Orkney was about to commence discussions with NHS Highland on whether more patients who required ophthalmology and orthopaedics could attend Raigmore Hospital in Inverness. The maintenance of the Inverness route is crucial in terms of this planning. Gerry O'Brien would keep members up to date on progress to see if action was required. • Noted that the aircraft carrying out the early morning flight to Aberdeen now goes from Aberdeen to Shetland before coming to Orkney which could have an impact on Orkney if there was bad weather in Shetland.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted that Orkney was not uniquely affected by a reduction in service during maintenance periods as there were also implications for Stornoway. The matter is being kept on the HiTrans agenda. 		
3.1.3	All other items of discussion at the Executive Group were included on the Board agenda.		
3.2	<u>Development Plan update</u>	Marie Love	
3.2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re. action B3 (Review and update LOIP and issue new edition for 2017-2020 to include a Locality Plan for the non-linked isles) noted that this had now been completed and agreed this action could be removed from the Development Plan. Re. action B4 (Review and update LOIP and issue new edition for 2018-2021, to include updated values and strategic priorities) noted that this was a new action which had been completed and was on the agenda. Re. action D2 (Develop a partnership approach to property asset management for existing and future property projects) noted that this was still amber. It will be managed by the Executive Group until completion. 		
4	Strong Communities Delivery Group	Gail Anderson	To report progress
4.1	<p>Gail Anderson advised that the newly formed Strong Communities Delivery Group had already had two planning sessions to review and revise outcomes. Another planning meeting would be held shortly to firm up what the group will do. The group had considered its medium term outcomes and proposed that these be amended to the following, which was agreed by the Board:</p> <p>A. Our communities have vibrant, innovative, sustainable and inclusive populations.</p> <p>B. Our communities have access to the services, facilities and resources they require to enable them to lead, develop and innovate.</p> <p>C. Partners and communities share trusting relationships and understand their own and others' accountability, responsibility and capacity.</p>		
5	Living Well Delivery Group	Gerry O'Brien	To report progress
5.1	Gerry O'Brien informed members that planning sessions for the Living Well Delivery Group had now been diared. Membership was key, and he was keen that the Group actually deliver. He had had a very useful meeting with Gail Anderson around handing over activities from the Positive Ageing Delivery Group. He had also met with Frazer Campbell of Orkney Blide Trust and they had agreed a mental health event in July would be held under the banner of Living Well. Gerry would work with Louise Wilson to capture the impact of welfare reform to see whether that would influence the LWDG's work plan.		

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6	Vibrant Economy Delivery Group		To report progress
6.1	<p>Graeme Harrison advised that the new Vibrant Economy Delivery Group had met the previous week. The strategic priority being delivered by this Group had not changed to the extent of the other two. However, the group had some new members and had started to redraft its short term activities and outputs with a focus on delivery of the Locality Plan. The VEDG would have a greater role in the next phase of delivery of the Islands Deal proposals, including the development of business cases. It also had a piece of work to do around coordination of different skills and employment strategies, including talent attraction and Developing the Young Workforce. These needed to be pulled together so that gaps could be identified. The infrastructure for the research and development campus was well underway and, as this progressed, it was hoped members of the Board could visit.</p>		
7	Locality Plan Actions	Chair	To review progress
7.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re. action 1 (Development of business case around digital connectivity) noted that the timescale for delivery was 30 June 2018 but, as the business case would be informed by the Board discussion (item 13) and a number of discussion groups, it would not be complete by then. • Re. action 8 (Rollout of Empowering Communities project to other islands, subject to availability of funding) agreed that the lead should be OIC only rather than the Strong Communities Delivery Group / OIC. • Re. action 17 (Regular Board updates to ensure that, if needed, the Partnership can offer additional support to ongoing issues including in relation to freight costs and ferries) agreed to amend wording to include 'road equivalent tariff'. 		
8	CONTEST/PREVENT	Matthew Webb Gillian Morrison	To report progress
8.1	<p>Matthew Webb reiterated that, although Orkney is not seen to be at significant risk, the key message is vigilance. The latest version of CONTEST had just been released. Powers had also been introduced to provide for earlier police intervention and more information on these would be circulated. Police Scotland could bring a trainer to Orkney to provide further training sessions if necessary and anyone who felt this would be beneficial for their organisation should get in touch. Noted there was currently a rise in extreme right-wing activity.</p>		
8.2	<p>Gillian Morrison informed members that she was sharing the peer review she had carried out. She explained that a peer review is different from an inspection in that it is about learning from improvements in other areas. Once the PREVENT Strategy had been completed she would circulate this to Partners as well as elected members.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Action: GM</u></p>		

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9	The Islands Bill and the Islands Deal	Chair	To review progress
9.1	<p>The Chair presented a paper on the Islands Bill and Islands Deal. Re. the Islands Bill he said it was remarkable how far the island areas had managed to progress additional powers and devolution of functions. While it had taken extensive lobbying, the Scottish Government had agreed to more than had been anticipated. Orkney may be small but are unique and he urged Partners to look for any opportunities for us to do things in different and better ways and let him know so that these could be taken back to the Scottish Government, it is important SG knows we are keen to do things in different ways. If we can make better use of resources it is not only good for Orkney, but good for the country.</p>		
9.2	<p>The Chair explained that the Islands Deal had lost some impetus because of the Islands Bill work, but there was now a significant amount of work to be done over the summer months as there was a desire to see the Deal in the autumn budget statement. The paper contained a list of 'areas of innovation' which are themes rather than actions. It would be a challenge to find the resources to develop full plans and partners would be involved in pulling together the final outline papers. These themes cover the three island areas and it was acknowledged not all will be successful in receiving funding.</p>		
10	Scottish Government Location Director	Alan Johnston	Discussion of role refresh
10.1	<p>Alan Johnston referred to the letter from the Scottish Government and explained that attention was now moving on from the processes of community planning and into the practice. Location Directors can be a conduit between partnerships and the Scottish Government as well as being a critical friend. He reiterated that, while part of his 'day job' was digital connectivity, he attended the Board in his role as Location Director. The Location Director role had been broadened out so that there were now teams, with two to four people per area rather than one. What would be interesting for him as work moved on was what is happening with the delivery groups and whether there were any issues or sticking points, particularly if these were in relation to the Scottish Government.</p>		
10.2	<p>Concern was expressed about the team approach, as dealing with teams could make the connection ephemeral. Alan explained that he would be team lead and the first point of contact. He would provide details of the other team members.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Action: AJ/ML</u></p>		
10.3	<p>The Chair emphasised that the Partnership wanted to make this work so that there was better value for the Scottish Government and ourselves.</p>		

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11	Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP)	Anna Whelan	To consider and approve the LOIP 2018/2021
11.1	Anna Whelan presented the draft LOIP for 2018-2021 which was approved, subject to amendments to the Strong Communities medium term outcomes.		<u>Action: AFW/ML</u>
12	Any other business	Chair	
12.1	Noted that Kristin Scott would be retiring shortly and this would be her last Board meeting. She was sorry she would no longer be involved in community planning as she had experienced real warmth and determination. The Chair proposed a vote of thanks to Kristin for the positive contribution she had made to the work of the Partnership.		
12.2	Seonag Campbell advised that recent data published around modern apprenticeships showed that from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018, 135 Modern Apprenticeship starts had been supported across Orkney. This was an increase of 35 and double the figure for 2014/15 which was testament to the fact that there are opportunities. It had to be acknowledged that there were some challenges and it was particularly difficult to recruit to construction Modern Apprenticeships.		
12.3	Graeme Harrison advised that HIE's young people's attitudes and aspirations survey was now live. This was last done in 2015 and there had been a good response in Orkney then. It was agreed that this would be circulated to allow partners to help increase awareness to ensure a good response.		
<u>Action: GH/ML</u>			
<i>The Board adjourned for lunch at 12.55 and the meeting resumed at 13:45.</i>			
13	R100 Programme	Alan Johnston Duncan Nisbet	To discuss R100 Programme
13.1	Duncan Nisbet and Alan Johnston made a powerpoint presentation which is attached to this minute. During discussion the following points were noted and raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 93.4% of premises in Scotland can access superfast broadband compared to 65.8% of premises in Orkney, which is where Scotland was five or six years ago. • A tender process for delivery of access to Next Generation Access Broadband Infrastructure, capable of delivering speeds of at least 30 Mbps, had started in March 2018. There were now three active bidders following the competitive dialogue process and contracts would be awarded in early 2019. For the purposes of the process, Scotland is broken down into three lots. The north lot contains some sizeable communities that are some distance from accessible fibre. 		

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some of the more challenging areas within the Digital Scotland Reaching 100% programme intervention area had been mandated and weighted to incentivise the delivery of fibre infrastructure. It was disappointing to note that North Ronaldsay was not one of these; Alan explained that the number of mandated locations was restricted. It may not be possible to provide fibre to every island but if it comes closer there may be further technology that will allow superfast connectivity to reach the fibre. • It had never been envisaged that Digital Scotland Superfast Broadband would reach 100% coverage. The intention had been to maximise funding to push fibre as far as possible so that, in areas who didn't reach 100% through the first push, a fibre connection would be nearer and other measures could potentially be put in place. • Members had concerns bidders would be tempted to go for most up to date areas first and the remote areas would be left. Unfortunately, there is no funding for interim solutions. It had been felt it did not make sense to utilise resources on something that would be provided in a couple of years in any case. • Noted that the use of infrastructure could stop interim solutions. Use of the assets belong to the bidder and it is likely they will charge everyone else who wants access to them. • The Better Broadband Subsidy Scheme had been developed by the UK Government to provide access to a subsidised broadband installation to homes and businesses that are unable to access a broadband service with a download speed of at least 2Mbps and who would not benefit from the superfast broadband rollout. The scheme will ensure that no household or business will need to pay more than £400 to access a basic broadband service over a 12-month period. Noted that, at the moment, applications to the scheme can only be accessed by individuals or businesses so it would not be possible for the Board to apply for a locality. • Concern was expressed around timescales, which wasn't yet known as this would be contained within the bids. The hardest to reach areas are also Orkney's most disadvantaged. If some of the work is still years away, they will become even more disadvantaged. It was felt by members there should be some kind of intervention to assist rural areas in the short term. • The Chair suggested the Orkney Partnership could write to Fergus Ewing acknowledging that, while we're delighted R100 is coming along, Orkney needs an interim solution in its most fragile areas and asking for his support while we're waiting for the process to go through. Alan advised it was difficult at this point to say what the landscape and timescales would be. Once he has this information further discussion could be had. • Orkney has an abundance of marine assets and it was hoped this local knowledge would be used when the fibre routes to the islands were being determined.

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14	Date of next meeting 14 September 2018 at 10:00	Chair	

The meeting closed at 15:00

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Annex – Digital Scotland Reaching 100% presentation



Orkney Partnership Briefing

14th June 2018

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UK Telecommunications

- Reserved matter to UK Parliament
 - Regulated by OFCOM
 - No USO for broadband Yet!
 - Digital Economy Bill includes 10Mbps USO by 2020
 - UK target was:
 - 95% superfast availability by end 2017
 - Basic broadband availability for all
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Scottish Programmes

- Digital Scotland Superfast Broadband
 - Almost 900,000 premises connected
 - £400M+ (£100M from UKG)
 - Community Broadband Scotland
 - Helped many communities to help themselves
 - Now Digital Communities team
 - Better Broadband Scheme
 - Extended to end 2018 (UKG funded)
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Reaching 100%
Digital Scotland

Scotland Superfast and Fibre Coverage

Latest Figures

History



Superfast UK (>24 Mbps):	93.71%
Superfast EU (>30 Mbps):	93.38%
Ultrafast (>100 Mbps):	43.94%
Openreach (>30 Mbps):	88.18%
Openreach FTTP:	0.54%
Openreach G.fast:	0.54%
'Fibre' partial/full at any speed: (FTTC/VDSL/G.fast/Cable/FTTP)	96.98%

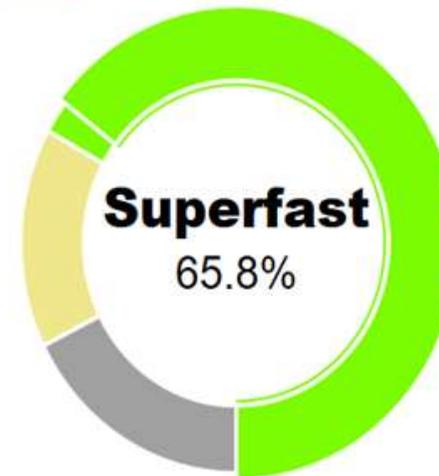
Below 2 Mbps down:	1.21%
Below 10 Mbps down:	4.14%
Below 10 Mbps, 1 Mbps up: (Legal USO)	5.44%
Below 15 Mbps: (High Speed Broadband)	5.18%
Virgin Media Cable:	43.15%
Full Fibre (FTTP or FTTH):	1.03%

Coverage

Orkney Islands Superfast and Fibre Coverage

Latest Figures

History



Superfast UK (>24 Mbps):	67.39%
Superfast EU (>30 Mbps):	65.84%
Ultrafast (>100 Mbps):	0.18%
Openreach (>30 Mbps):	65.84%
Openreach FTTP:	0.18%
Openreach G.fast:	0.00%
'Fibre' partial/full at any speed: (FTTC/VDSL/G.fast/Cable/FTTP)	82.57%

Below 2 Mbps down:	7.05%
Below 10 Mbps down:	27.00%
Below 10 Mbps, 1 Mbps up: (Legal USO)	27.11%
Below 15 Mbps: (High Speed Broadband)	30.02%
Virgin Media Cable:	0.00%
Full Fibre (FTTP or FTTH):	0.18%

Source: thinkbroadband.com 12th June 2018

- Scottish Government is committed to delivering superfast availability to 100% of premises by the end of 2021
 - Builds on the DSSB investment
 - Initial procurement aims to bring every premises within reach of accessible fibre
 - Likely to be a range of practical solutions to deliver commitment
 - £600M subsidy (£21M from UKG)
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- Prior to procurement
 - Identify all Scotland's premises
 - Open Market Review to create draft IA
 - Test via Public Consultation
 - Approximately 227,000 premises identified as sub 30 Mbps
 - Orkney ~ 4,400 premises < 30 Mbps
 - Public Consultation Report available on SG website
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Orkney Islands v Scotland

	Orkney Islands	Scotland
Total Premise Count	12,661	2,834,302
Total NGA White Premises	4,404	226,933
U1 NGA White Premise	0	29,881
NGA White 24-30Mbps exc. U1	332	33,992
Set Aside for Future DSSB*	0	15,840
In-Scope NGA White	4,072	147,219

* Not including those in U1 or 24-30Mbps

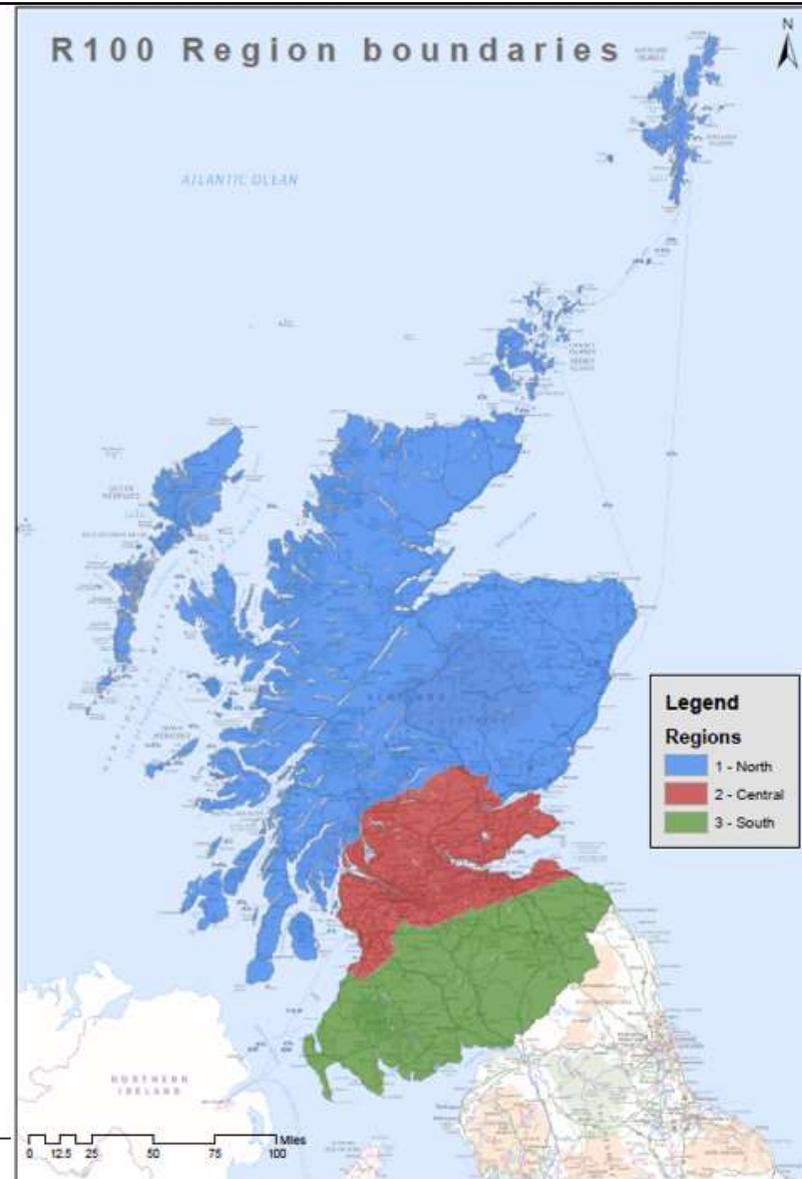
Procurement Timetable

- OJEU Notice Published December 2017
 - Includes ESPD Selection Process
- Tender Process started in March 2018
 - Following Competitive Dialogue Process
 - Three lots in parallel
- Award Contracts early 2019

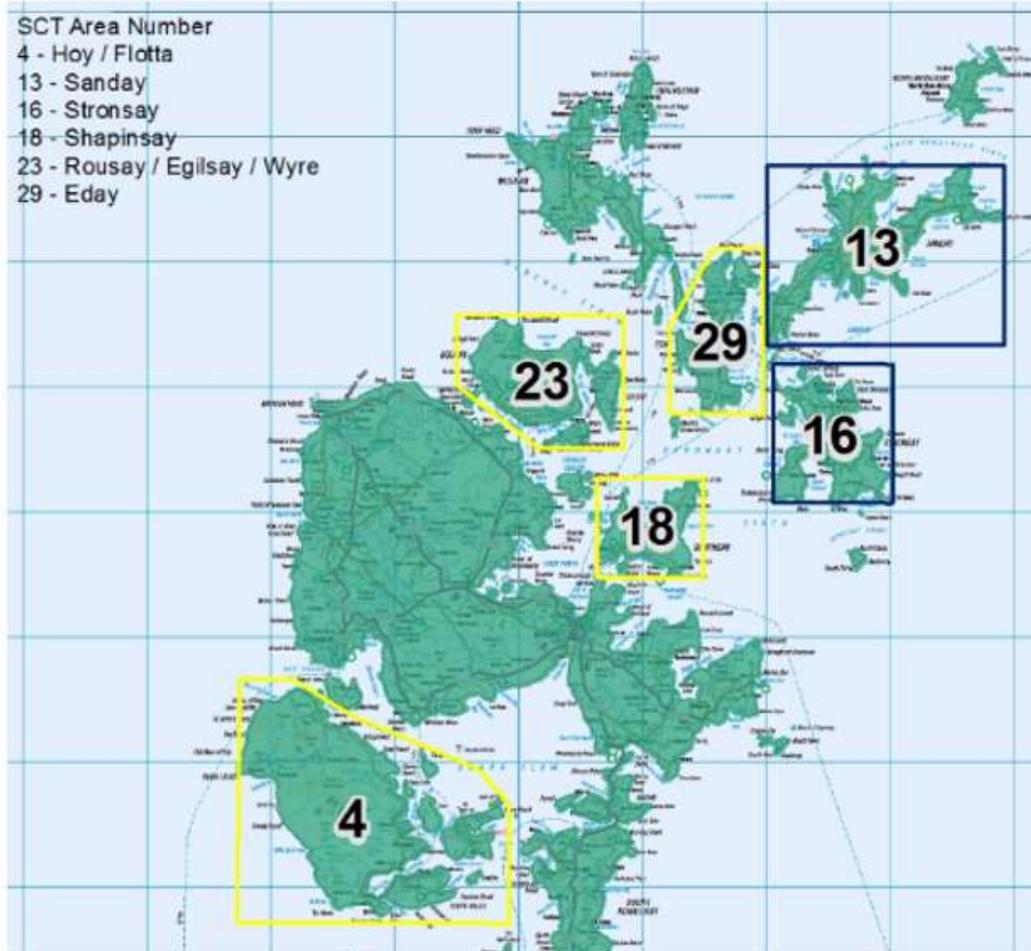


Removed Urban 1 Classification and 24 Mbps+ from initial procurement

Lot	In Scope Premise Count	Gap Funding Available
North	84,427	<u>£384M</u>
Central	41,550	<u>£83M</u>
South	21,242	<u>£133M</u>



Mandated & Weighted



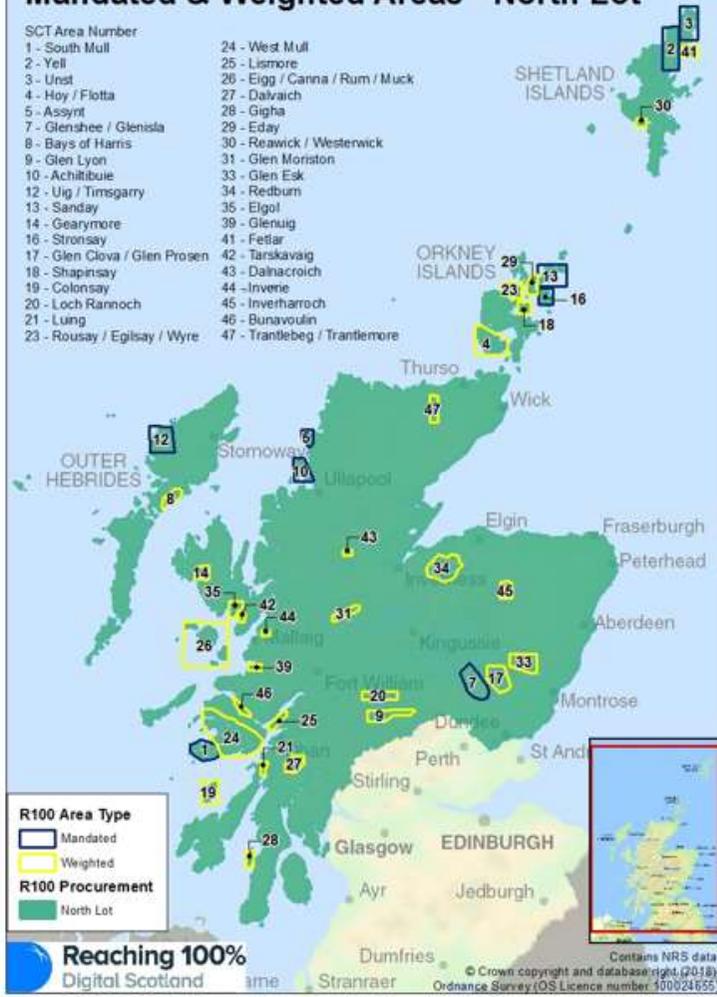
DSSB Fibre Coverage



Mandated & Weighted

Mandated & Weighted Areas - North Lot

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| SCT Area Number | |
| 1 - South Mull | 24 - West Mull |
| 2 - Yell | 25 - Lismore |
| 3 - Urst | 26 - Eigg / Canna / Rum / Muck |
| 4 - Hoy / Flotta | 27 - Dalraich |
| 5 - Assynt | 28 - Gigha |
| 7 - Glenshee / Glenista | 29 - Eday |
| 8 - Bays of Harris | 30 - Roswick / Westerwick |
| 9 - Glen Lyon | 31 - Glen Moriston |
| 10 - Achilbuie | 33 - Glen Esk |
| 12 - Uig / Timsgary | 34 - Redburn |
| 13 - Sanday | 35 - Elgol |
| 14 - Gearymore | 39 - Glensug |
| 16 - Stronsay | 41 - Fetlar |
| 17 - Glen Clova / Glen Prosen | 42 - Tarskavaig |
| 18 - Shapinsay | 43 - Dalnacroich |
| 19 - Colonsay | 44 - Inverie |
| 20 - Loch Rannoch | 45 - Inverharroch |
| 21 - Lung | 46 - Bunavoulin |
| 23 - Rousay / Egilsay / Wyre | 47 - Trantlebeg / Trantlemore |



R100 Area Type
 Mandated
 Weighted
R100 Procurement
 North Lot

Aligned Interventions

- Initial procurement not expected to deliver 100% coverage
 - Parallel work stream for Aligned Interventions
 - Work will focus on remaining premises
 - Early indication during summer
 - Funding assured for Aligned Interventions in addition to core £600M
 - In parallel with UKG schemes
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Local Full Fibre Network

- LFFN UKG Initiative
 - Aims to stimulate commercial investment full fibre networks
 - Funding bids invited from public sector
 - £200M over 3 funding waves
 - R100 team working with LFFN
 - Complementary programmes
 - No certainty!
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- UKG Initiative
 - Aims to stimulate commercial investment full fibre networks
 - £67M Confirmed Funding
 - Aimed at SME Businesses & Surrounding Residential Premises
 - Applications via Registered Suppliers
 - <https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/>
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- Mobile Infill Programme
 - £25M Investment
 - 4G Infrastructure & Services to 4G not-spots
 - In procurement (contract expected June)
 - Four year deployment programme
 - 16 initial sites (could rise to 60)
 - Mainly Highlands & Islands
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- Managing Expectations
 - Pre-contract phase
 - Procurement process in confidence
 - Continue to work with LFFN team
 - New Build Challenge
 - Local Authority Input
 - Roads & Planning
 - Wayleaves
 - Local Knowledge
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