

## ***High speed broadband for Dorset – a briefing arranged by DAPTC***

- Superfast Broadband = greater than 24 mbp/s as defined by Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK). Aim to deliver to 90% of premises by 2015.
- Main advantage is for business use, including small businesses run from home, rural economy and home working.
- Finance available from BDUK **subject to** approval of a local broadband plan for Dorset and match funding from local government. If this is agreed **no** town/parish contribution required at this stage. DCC will set up the project team.
- Aim is to improve accessibility of broadband services in areas with a weak commercial investment case. Focus will be on rural areas – Verwood falls between these and the major urban areas of Poole/Bournemouth/Christchurch.
- Funding will not include the ‘final mile’ (from exchange/cabinet to premises). If <2.5km from exchange/cabinet significant improvements in speed still possible.
- First step is to secure BDUK funding. Next step is to demonstrate demand to support tendering process for commercial investment – town/parish councils can help with this as well as community groups and business forums.
- Plan to be submitted 31 Dec 2011. Approval March 2012. Roll out commences 2013. Local role to help project team fill in ‘final mile’ and 10% not included in initial roll out.
- Dorset missed out on the first round – Cornwall & Devon & Somerset ahead of us
- Presentations from the briefing are available on the DAPTC website at <http://www.dorset-aptc.gov.uk/Broadband.html>. Val also has slides presented by Michael Dunn from BT. See also <http://www.superfastcornwall.org/see-how-its-built.html> for a simple view of the BT process.
- Details on local roll out from the Verwood exchange awaited. Three Cross not included?

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