



Cabinet – 15th July 2014

**Comments from the Liberal Democrat Group
Regarding Broadband – Superfast Extension Programme**

I would like to particularly welcome part (d) of the recommendations, which sets out proposals to set aside funding and explore innovative solutions for the final 6%. There are a number of deep rural areas that would not have benefited from the standard broadband extension scheme, especially as there are alternative approaches that potentially offer a better product and a more future-proofed solution.

This report shows a willingness to break from the standard template in order to explore community based approaches. I would like to thank officers and the lead member for the open mindedness and willingness to engage on this issue.

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