

Demand Led Community Fibre Partnership – Status update

Background

- Two schemes requested from Openreach
 - Ashburnham/Penhurst/Ninfield(frings) *APN*
 - Brightling / Netherfield (frings) *BN*
- These are large schemes that would result in a complete upgrade to fibre of the Brightling and Ninfield exchanges
- A new Rural Gigabit Voucher (RGV) scheme was announced on 08 April 2021. Residential RGV = £1500 Business RGV = £3500. Only 1 RGV can be claimed per property.
- ESCC still has £1000 per property ‘top up’ available ... at the moment!
- Openreach produced initial offers for both schemes and at our request, have now produced ‘final offers’. These are valid for 90 days.

The numbers

	Properties	Initial offer	Final Offer	Pledge Target	PT/Prop
APN	392	475K	475K	618K	1576
BN	463	627K	721K	937K	2002

- Notional take up needed based on split of 10% business 90% residential is as follows :
 - APN 60%
 - BN 75%

Next Steps

- We accept final offer
- Openreach request DCMS to allocate of our vouchers (includes ESCC top-up). This is Package pre-registration (PRP). PRP expected to be done by 30 June.
- Pledging portal opened up and promo material launched.
- Openreach conduct regular audits of pledgers at 50%/75%/100% points, to check that people have not pledged multiple vouchers.
- Once target is reached, all pledgers will get DCMS e-mail to ask for their final confirmation of pledge.
- Openreach launch the build, 12 month build time
- Users take up Fibre service
- Only if more than 30% of people do not take service will we have a potential headache. This has never happened before according (to Openreach).