

Wiltshire Online Update

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The logo for Wiltshire County Council, featuring the text "Wiltshire Coun" in white on a green background, with a white wavy line underneath.

Wiltshire Online Programme Abstract

- Launched in 2013
- Targeted premises that were considered commercially non-viable
- No priority areas identified – to date the programme is based on a gap funding model focused on the best value structure
- Partnership between Wiltshire Council and BDUK (DCMS)
- Four contracts awarded to date – 3 Openreach, 1 Gigaclear
- Wiltshire Council's investment £15.5m

Openreach Update (all contracts complete)

Contract 1

- Total value of contract £31m of which £15m Wiltshire Council
- Over 80,000 premises upgraded to fibre of which 64,000 superfast (>24Mbps)

Contract 2

- Total value of contract £5m of which £500k Wiltshire Council
- Over 13,000 premises upgraded to fibre of which 6000 superfast and 4000 ultrafast (1Gb)

Contract 3

- Total value of contract £1.5m – no Wiltshire Council funding
- Over 1600 premises upgraded to ultrafast (1Gb)

Openreach Gainshare Repayments

Contract 1

- £1.1m – December 2016 (reinvested)
- £2.1m – December 2018 (reinvested)
- £3.1m – December 2020
- £3.5m - December 2022
- £500k - March 2023

Contract 2

- £460k – September 2020
- £550k - September 2022
- £550k - September 2024
- £70k - December 2024

Total Clawback Claimed to Date

£6.8m

Forecast Clawback

From September '22 to December '24

£5.17m

Gigaclear Update

- Total value of contract £1.5m – no Wiltshire Council funding
- Contract premises – 5753 (North of Wiltshire)

Current Situation

- 2763 premises upgraded to ultrafast (1Gb)
- A number of premises to be descoped (approx. 10%)
- Gigaclear are in default (targets not reached)
- Awaiting remedial plan (due December 2021)

Future Plans

- Government announced £5bn Gigabit Programme (December 2019)
- Target 85% UK premises with gigabit capable broadband
- Lot 30 – Wiltshire / South Glos / Swindon
- Currently at Open Market Review (OMR) stage
- Upon completion of OMR will identify premises in scope for intervention
- Providers will be encouraged to bid
- BDUK led but locally managed
- Not likely to start build for approx. 12 / 18 months
- Outcome of OMR (Intervention Area) due Spring 2022