

ADEPT Digital Connectivity Working Group

At 6 October 2020 meeting, ten local authorities were represented, as follows: Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Kent, Nottinghamshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Northamptonshire and Wolverhampton.

The meeting began with a check-in session with the group sharing where their first trip be once the pandemic is over. Please see the illustrative word cloud.

The Group received insights from the Local Government Association (LGA) along with an update on the Government's Gigabit Take-Up Advisory Group consultation (GigaTAG). Building Digital UK (BDUK) are looking for evidence for demand stimulation activities for take up of gigabit broadband for which a formal response from the ADEPT Digital Connectivity Working Group will be made.

Reference was made to the planned launch for [LGA's Digital Connectivity Funding Programme](#). Councils are invited to apply for funding for new projects focused on enhancing digital connectivity in their local area. Each local authority can apply for up to £20,000 with the expectation of pound for pound match funding.

In time honoured tradition, the group received an update from Mobile UK (the trade association for the UK's mobile network operators – EE, O2, Three and Vodafone) about the Shared Rural Network deal.

The Group received a presentation from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS) Barrier Busting Task Force about Government's commitment to ensuring all new build homes are connected to gigabit capable broadband as standard.

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