

Fastershire Community Grant

Kempley Parish Council Meeting

06/06/22

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FasterShire Background



- Partnership between Herefordshire & Gloucestershire Councils Established 2011
- Conduit for Public funding to overcome market failure to provide **superfast** broadband
 - Monitor Market Failure
 - Raise Public Funding
 - Invest in Solutions
 - Comply with State Aid
 - Manage Suppliers

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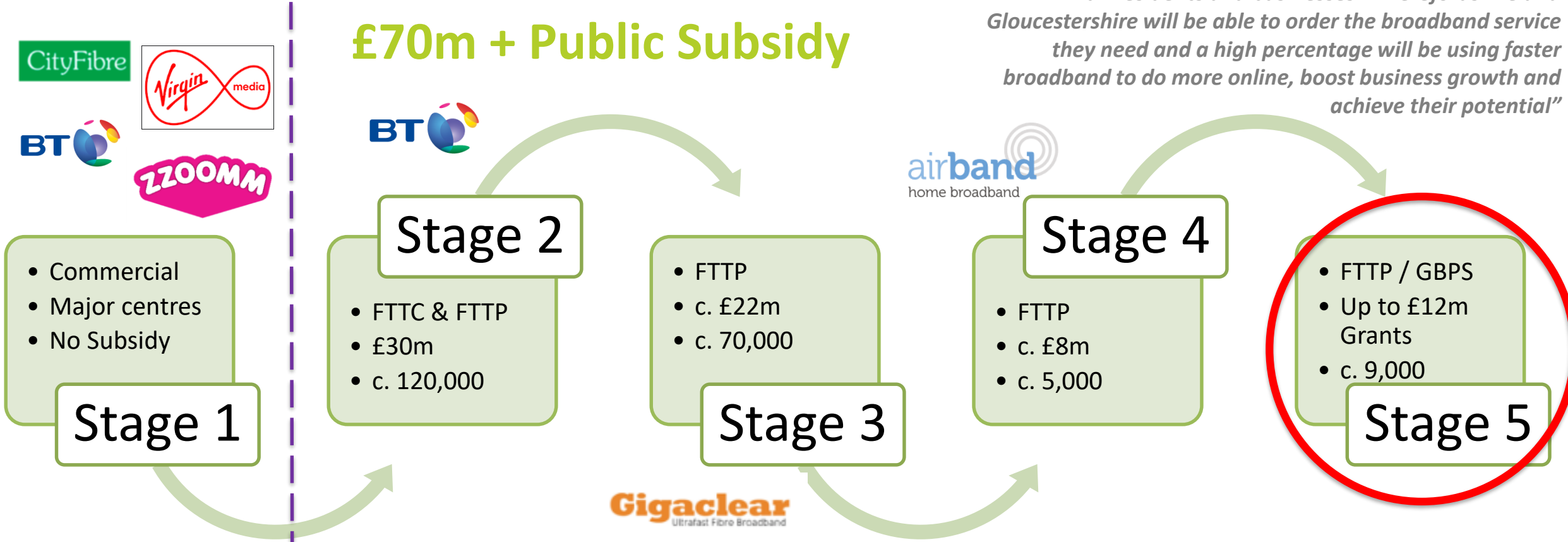
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FasterShire Broadband Strategy



“all residents and businesses in Herefordshire and Gloucestershire will be able to order the broadband service they need and a high percentage will be using faster broadband to do more online, boost business growth and achieve their potential”

£70m + Public Subsidy



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Fastershire Community Grant General Concept



- Community led process, Fastershire facilitate the procurement & payments
- Nominal Grants to individuals to procure a gigabit capable Open Access broadband infrastructure
 - Subject to a VFM test & max total project maximum of £500k
- A Two Step Process
 - Dynamic Purchasing System – Supplier Qualification
 - Mini-Competitions for each project using a grant portal hosted on Fastershire.com

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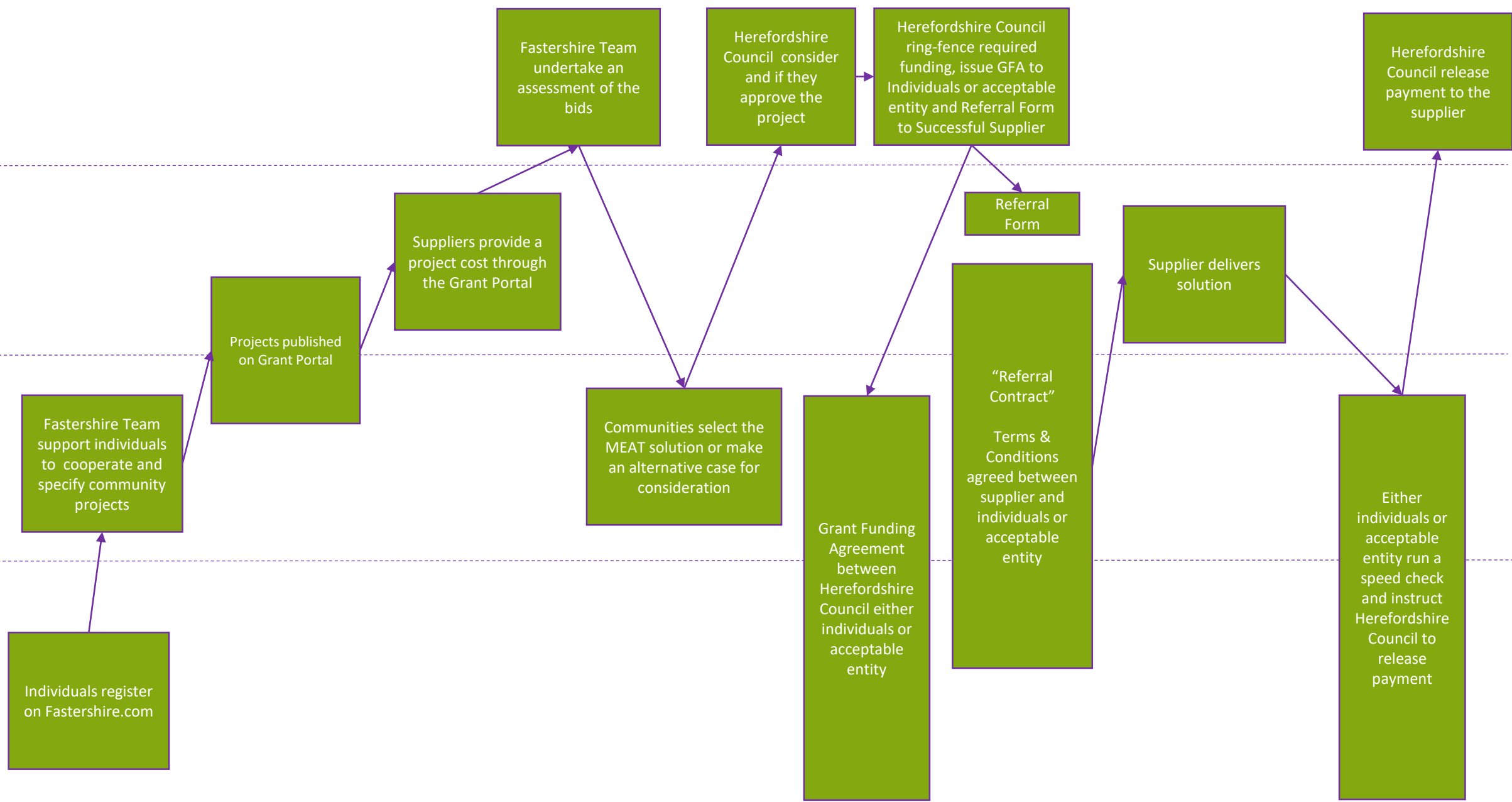
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Suppliers

Communities

Individuals



Fastershire Team support individuals to cooperate and specify community projects

Individuals register on Fastershire.com

Projects published on Grant Portal

Suppliers provide a project cost through the Grant Portal

Fastershire Team undertake an assessment of the bids

Communities select the MEAT solution or make an alternative case for consideration

Herefordshire Council consider and if they approve the project

Grant Funding Agreement between Herefordshire Council either individuals or acceptable entity

Herefordshire Council ring-fence required funding, issue GFA to Individuals or acceptable entity and Referral Form to Successful Supplier

Referral Form

"Referral Contract"
Terms & Conditions agreed between supplier and individuals or acceptable entity

Supplier delivers solution

Either individuals or acceptable entity run a speed check and instruct Herefordshire Council to release payment

Herefordshire Council release payment to the supplier

Potential Project Area



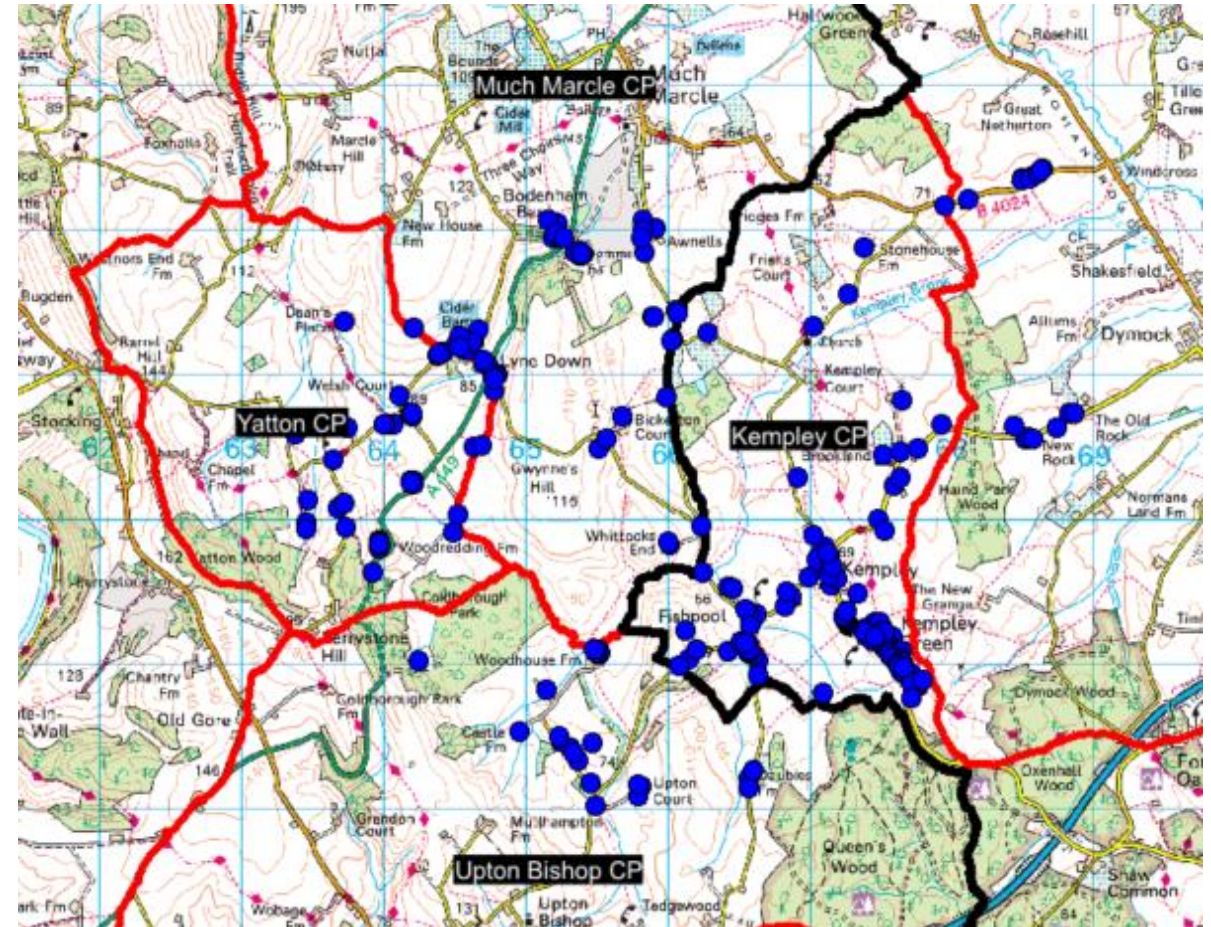
Properties we believe could form part of this community project (approx. 260)



Parish boundaries



County boundaries



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Next Steps

- 50 Expression of Interests (EOIs) received to date
- Online Community Project Meeting, 23/06/22 at 7:30pm
 - Invitation letter to be sent to those properties that haven't submitted an EOI
 - Email invitation to be sent to all received EOI properties
- When we have received a sufficient number EOIs we will develop a Request for Quotation (RFQ) and we will publish this on the Grant Portal, hopefully early to mid-July



The screenshot shows a web form titled "FasterShire Community Broadband Grant". At the top right, there are "Go" and "Reset" buttons. The form contains the following fields and text:

- FasterShire Community Broadband Grant**
- We recognise that your property still requires access to faster broadband.**
- Text: "FasterShire hopes to use the Community Broadband Grant scheme to try and provide properties, such as yours, with access to faster broadband."
- Text: "For more information about the grant, please [click here](#)."
- Text: "To register, please complete the Expression of Interest form below."
- Form fields: "First name *", "Last name *", "Email address *", "Phone number", "Postcode *", "Address" (with a dropdown arrow).
- Text: "Household profile *" with a checkbox "Please indicate if you run a business from this property".

Thank you

Contact grants@fasterhire.com if you have any questions

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