

CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
COUNCIL

Response to Request for Information

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WiFi and Wireless Concessions

Request:

On 11 November 2014, a review was undertaken of the Feasibility of a Public WiFi Service to endorse the proposal to carry out further investigation into the implications for the Council of letting concessions to mount microwave and “small cell” equipment on Council-owned street furniture and buildings - <http://wolverhampton.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=143&MID=237#AI3716>. However after providers changed the model for implementation this project was no longer viable.

Please advise whether any operator has been selected to provide wireless technologies such as WiFi or small cells using council assets, how long that exclusivity will last and when the concession for small cells will be tendered.

No operator has been selected to provide wireless technologies such as Public Wifi or small cells using council assets. Discussions are continuing within the Council to understand how such solutions/approaches could be utilised to support Smart City initiatives along with investment required and likely benefits. If and when a suitable business case is established, a procurement will be undertaken.