CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
C O U N C I L

Response to Request for Information

Reference   FOI 002365
Date   4 June 2018

Full Fibre Networks

Request:

(1)   Number of Applicants to Build Full Fibre networks in your area:
For the avoidance of doubt I am interested in the number of <u>applicants</u> (rather than the total applications) in your area (***either received or prospective***). Eg if BT Openreach applies for say 5 projects, and (say) "CityFibre" 2 projects, and "Infracapital" 1 project, then the total would be 3 (rather than 8).

Number of Applicants	
0	✔
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6 or more	

The City of Wolverhampton has secured national local full fibre network funding to build a fibre network connecting 196 public sector premises across Wolverhampton. The provider will be identified through a competitive procurement process. We have had significant interest from commercial providers at a market warming event late June to assess interest in tendering, however are unable to name them at this stage.

(2)   Local Authority Resources Dedicated to Full Fibre

No priority	
One part time officer	
Dedicated officer	
Dedicated team	
Out of 10 (1 lowest/10 highest) how would you rank full fibre as a priority?	

Currently activities relating to full fibre is being done from within existing staffing resources, however as part of the local full fibre network project, we are looking to identify dedicated resources to drive the project forward. Full fibre is

a key priority under our Smart City strand – Smart Connections – in recognition that full fibre is a prerequisite to achieving our Smart City ambitions.

(3) How would you best describe the Authority's geography/population density?

Local Authority Area

City	✔
Urban	
Rural	

(4) Other Questions:

	Yes	No
Would you give approval for a road to be dug up if another operator had already dug up that particular road? The Council is committed to removing the barriers to the rollout of commercial broadband, however aim to co-ordinate digging up roads where possible.	✔	
Does virgin Media operate in the area?	✔	