

## **Cyngor Sir CEREDIGION County Council**

**REPORT TO:** Cabinet

**DATE:** 4 July 2023

**LOCATION:** Hybrid/Council Chamber

**TITLE:** Feedback from the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Digital Connectivity

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:** To provide feedback from the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 12 June 2023

Committee Members received an update report in relation to Digital Connectivity, which provided an overview of the initiatives and projects that Ceredigion County Council are currently undertaking to support the levels of digital connectivity across the County.

A report was presented to Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee in January 2022 which emphasised that accessibility to 'good' quality, reliable digital connectivity is essential for residents, businesses, and visitors in supporting Ceredigion's economy. That with co-ordinated developments, digital infrastructure can act as a catalyst for business growth and innovation within our targeted sectors and provide communities with enhanced access to employment, education and services. At that time, increasingly so due to previous lock down restrictions, it was evident that digital connectivity had become an essential part of modern life, influencing how individuals work, communicate and access services. The situation has not changed as we all continue to adjust following the pandemic with families, businesses and organisations increasingly reliant on the effective use of digital connectivity to maintain operations and a sense of 'normality'.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Following discussion, Members agreed it would be beneficial to invite representatives from the Service Providers to a Full Council meeting/workshop in the future and recommend that this is considered by Cabinet.

**Councillor Rhodri Evans**  
*Chairman of the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee*