

Broadband Update – September 2015

KCC programmes

- Broadband roll out programme on target, reached 120,000 homes and businesses.
- On track to provide superfast broadband access to 91% homes and businesses by the end of 2015.
- KCC investing £11.2 million in successor project to be launched early 2016

Voucher Scheme

- Grants of up to £3000 for variety of technical solutions to improve broadband
- Mainly an urban scheme, however many areas within the District are eligible
- 800 suppliers signed up to deliver solutions in Kent
- Must be capital installation and provide a step change in current coverage
- Home based businesses are eligible
- Demand has been high, encourage Sevenoaks businesses to apply whilst there are funds remaining

Local Activities

- Recent business newsletter provided update on the voucher scheme
- Letter sent to local providers listed as part of the voucher scheme on behalf of West Kent Districts.
- Dealing with individual business enquiries as part of 'Team Around Your Business' and liaising with KCC on particular issues.
- Continue liaison with providers regarding solutions for rural areas with poor connectivity
- Continue to liaise with KCC officers to ensure Sevenoaks businesses benefit from their programmes.