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Preferred areas for ultra fast broadband

1. Purpose

To provide the Committee with the additional criteria and preferred areas for ultra fast broadband rollout across the region for forwarding to Chorus and Crown Fibre.

2. The decision-making process and significance

The matters requiring decision in this report have been considered by officers against the requirements of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002.

2.1 Significance of the decision

Officers have considered the significance of the matter, taking the Council's significance policy and decision-making guidelines into account. Officers recommend that the matter be considered to have low significance in accordance with the definition of "significance" in the Local Government Act 2002. Irrespective of its "significance" this is an important decision.

Officers do not consider that a formal record outlining consideration of the decision-making process is required in this instance.

3. Comment

In September Chorus and Crown Fibre invited the region to work with them to determine the next areas for fibre rollout in the Wellington region from June 2012 – July 2013. They stated that they would like an indication of key preferred areas by December 2011.

At the Committee workshop on 26 September, the Committee agreed to provide that advice to Chorus. Since that workshop the Senior Officers Resource Team (SORT) has been developing a list of regional criteria and preferred areas for deployment.

Chorus forwarded to the region's mayors a list of their criteria for fibre rollout. These are:

- Priority users: schools, health sector, businesses by end 2015 (50 schools by June 2012)

- Premium UFB business services to businesses in areas with existing Chorus fibre network

- Commercial areas with limited fibre network

- Residences in commercial areas

- Residences in areas of high broadband take-up

- Greenfields areas >20 lots

- Due consideration to Rugby World Cup, local works underway etc.

- Also considered supply factors, including service company resources, and clustering area units for ease of management and communications.

SORT agreed an additional list of regional criteria to assist in identifying priority areas. The criteria are:

1. Equitable outcomes through consideration to schools and residents in mixed income areas which also have high broadband needs.

2. Efficiency of road works by ensuring coordination with other utility providers' work programmes.

Each council provided a list of additional areas considered a priority for the Wellington region fibre rollout. These are outlined in **Attachment 1**.

If the Committee agrees on the list of additional areas it will be forwarded to Chorus and Crown Fibre for their consideration as they finalise the rollout programme.

4. Communication

Communications relating to this matter will be on-going.

5. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. **Receives** *the report.*

2. **Notes** *the content of the report.*

3. **Agrees** *the list of preferred areas for fibre rollout for forwarding to Chorus and Crown Fibre as outlined in Attachment 1.*

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Attachment 1: Preferred areas for fibre rollout across Wellington region.