

Appendix 3

Milestone Dates for Rural Gigabit Connectivity Programme Project

(Draft)

Milestone	Description	Status	Comment
Initiate the Highland RGCP partnership project	Secure UK Government governance approval for £2m of funding and sign an order with Capita for Openreach to provide fibre connections in 37 public sector buildings	<i>Oct 2019 to May 2020</i> Complete	UK Government approval provided in May 2020 and the Highland Council (as lead partner) signed an order with Capita on 21 st May 2020.
Successfully plan and prepare for the construction phase	Work with delivery teams in Capita and Openreach to develop a delivery plan, project management documentation, CDM compliance manual and H&S plans to support construction activity	<i>June to Sept 2020</i> In progress	
Construction of first tranche of RGCP sites	Likely that RGCP activity will be split into 2 tranches.	<i>Oct to Dec 2020</i> Planned activity	
Activation of first tranche of RGCP sites	Capita to check and activate new fibre connections.	<i>Jan 2021</i> Planned activity	
Construction of second tranche of RGCP sites	Likely that RGCP activity will be split into 2 tranches.	<i>Oct 2020 to Feb 2021</i> Planned activity	
Activation of second tranche of RGCP sites	Capita to check and activate new fibre connections.	<i>Mar 2021</i> Planned activity	Deadline to use UK Government funding is 31 st March 2021