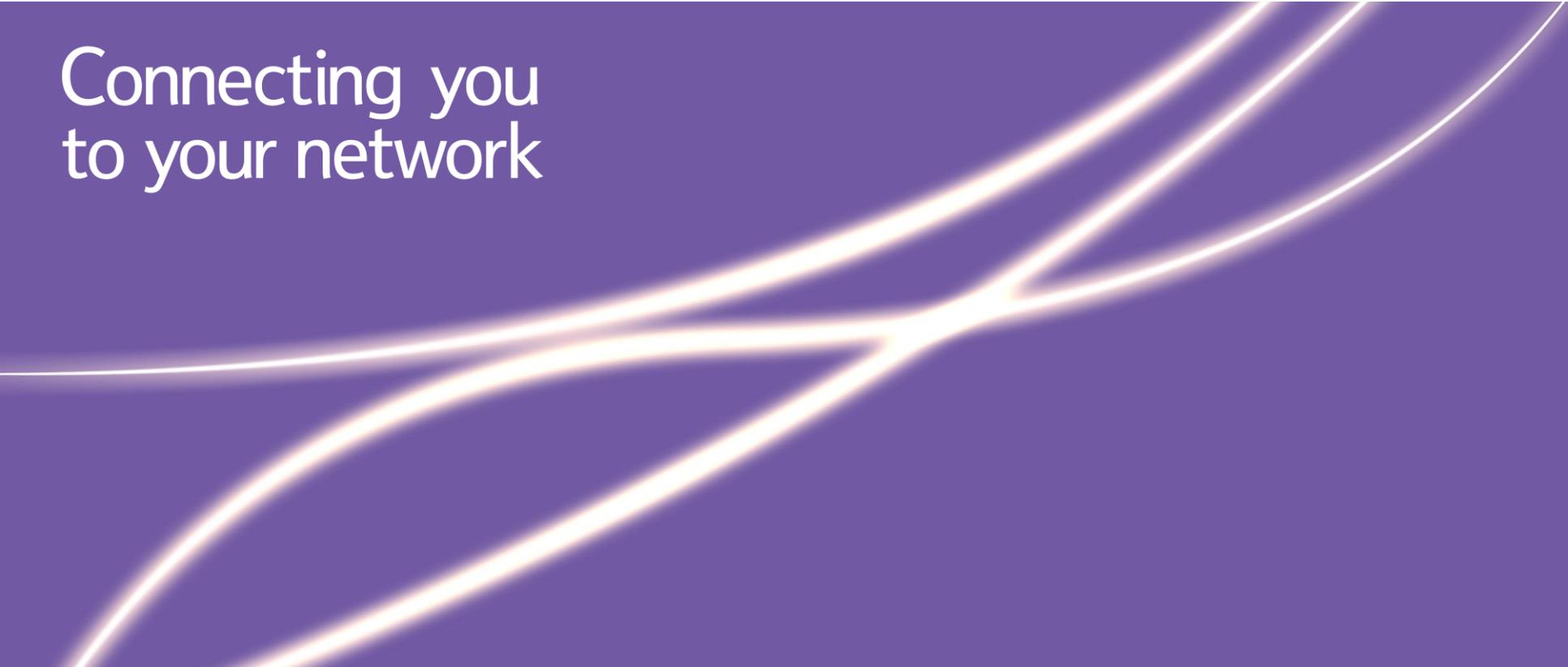openreach

UK Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme
Are you ready to make the most of DCMS funding under the Local Full Fibre Networks programme?
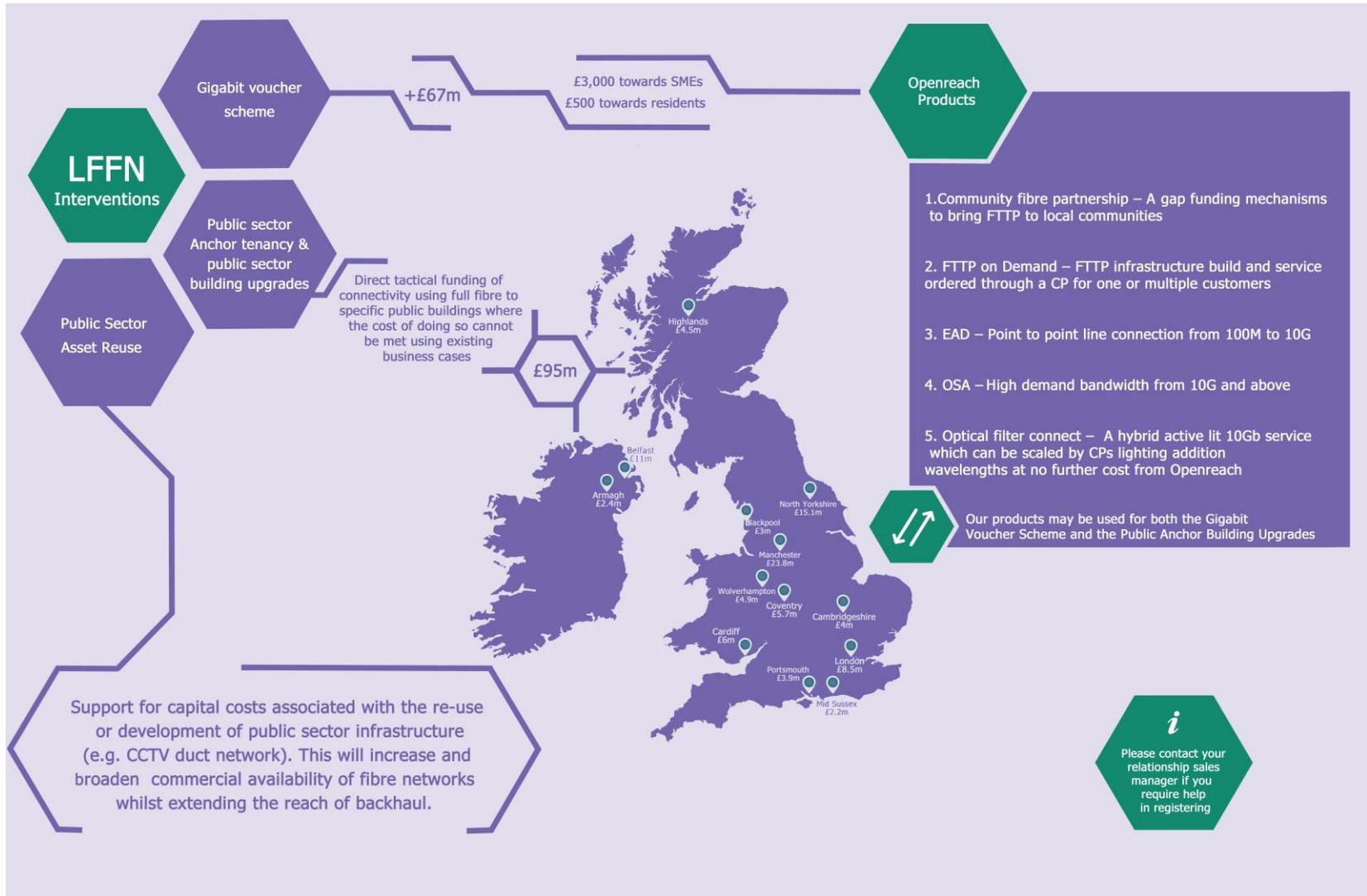
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Connecting you
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UK Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme
What is it?

- The Department of Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS) is introducing a [Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme](#) for small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs), which is part of the [Local Full Fibre Networks (LFFN) Programme](#) is now available **UK WIDE!**

- The purpose of the Scheme is to increase the number of Gigabit capable connections within the UK by providing micro-grants to SMEs, to be spent on the installation charges for new connectivity. Businesses will not be required to subscribe to Gigabit services, but the connections must be capable of supporting these speeds (up OR down) within 10 days

- This scheme is one of four initiatives that have been allocated £200m by Government until 2020

- Vouchers will range from £500 to £3000 per SME, with the possibility to aggregate vouchers subject to DCMS validation

- Residential voucher schemes will be worth up to £500

- The Scheme is open for applications and will remain open until March 2019 or until the £2 million fund the DCMS have set up for the test phase has been allocated – whichever is sooner

Background information on the vouchers and products available from Openreach

LFFN Interventions

Gigabit voucher scheme

+£67m — £3,000 towards SMEs / £500 towards residents

Public sector Anchor tenancy & public sector building upgrades

Direct tactical funding of connectivity using full fibre to specific public buildings where the cost of doing so cannot be met using existing business cases

£95m

Public Sector Asset Reuse

Support for capital costs associated with the re-use or development of public sector infrastructure (e.g. CCTV duct network). This will increase and broaden commercial availability of fibre networks whilst extending the reach of backhaul.

Openreach Products

1. Community fibre partnership – A gap funding mechanisms to bring FTTP to local communities

2. FTTP on Demand – FTTP infrastructure build and service ordered through a CP for one or multiple customers

3. EAD – Point to point line connection from 100M to 10G

4. OSA – High demand bandwidth from 10G and above

5. Optical filter connect – A hybrid active lit 10Gb service which can be scaled by CPs lighting addition wavelengths at no further cost from Openreach

Our products may be used for both the Gigabit Voucher Scheme and the Public Anchor Building Upgrades

i — Please contact your relationship sales manager if you require help in registering

Highlands £4.5m
Belfast £11m
Armagh £2.4m
North Yorkshire £15.1m
Blackpool £3m
Manchester £23.8m
Wolverhampton £4.9m
Coventry £5.7m
Cambridgeshire £4m
Cardiff £6m
London £8.5m
Portsmouth £3.9m
Mid Sussex £2.2m

How to register

https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/for-suppliers/register/supplier-registration/#

- Vouchers can be redeemed for up to 100% of the connection charge (including any ECC charges) for products that have been pre-approved by DCMS

- The Voucher will pay towards part or all of the fixed costs of getting you connected - between £500 and £3,000 – you pay the ongoing line rental charge and VAT.

- SMEs should read the full terms and conditions before accepting.

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Who is eligible?

- SMEs with up to 249 employees and with a turnover no greater than €50m per annum, and/or balance sheet of less than €43m.

- The scheme covers products that deliver at least 100Mbps, upgradable to 1Gbps.

- Vouchers are to cover the cost of connecting SMEs to existing or new Gigabit capable infrastructure (to a maximum of £3000).

- The key criteria is that upgraded broadband service must deliver a "step change" in the SME's connectivity, which is at least a doubling of speeds compared to the service currently being consumed by the SME.

- For further details please see the DCMS Scheme Terms and Conditions.

Registration for EAD package (EAD PRP)

DCMS Package Registration

Step-by-step process

1

Once you have registered as a communication provider and have a sign in ID for the portal, you can access PRP application.

☑ Yes

Is this PRP application for a 'Standard' or 'Project' package?

Standard

Tick the 'Yes' icon confirming correct information and then select 'Standard' package.

2

Tick 'Yes' to confirm you are providing gigabit capable connection using another provider.

Package Number

OR1323

Enter package number 'OR1323' in the package number section.

3

Finally, select Openreach from the drop down box.

Wholesale Provider Name

Openreach

Choose file | No file chosen

Accepted file types: doc, docx, pdf, jpg, jpeg, xls, xlsx.

Email us for a confirmation letter and upload the permission form. Once submitted, DCMS will check and approve it.

What are the benefits of a high-speed broadband connection for a SME?

- ✓ With a high speed connection you can transfer large files quickly and reliably, improving the service you provide to your customers and suppliers.

- ✓ High speed broadband can help your business grow, making you more competitive in local and international markets by ensuring you have the technology in place to meet your customer's expectations

- ✓ High-grade broadband offers safe, secure and rapid data back-ups

- ✓ Opportunities to save time and money on business travel by making use of the high-quality face-to-face video conferencing experience that a fast and reliable connection delivers

- ✓ The ability to back up data online, throughout the day, without disrupting other business services drastically reduces the amount of time this takes and enhances security

- ✓ Improved staff morale and job satisfaction as working with fast and reliable internet

- ✓ Mobile and home workers benefit from using the same technology remotely

- ✓ Cloud-based software and services have improved collaboration

- ✓ The ability to work collaboratively on joint projects by providing capability to link up separate sites around the world

More information

To find out more information about the Scheme, eligibility and to register as a supplier go to:
https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/

To view registered suppliers visit: https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/registered_suppliers/

Please get in touch with your sales / account manager to discuss how to make the most of this opportunity, and to ensure you're ready to consume our appropriate product.

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