

APPENDIX B - Current Consultations – April 2021

Purpose of Document	Portfolio	Director	Response to be agreed by	Contact	Deadline for response
<p>Call for evidence: Improving broadband for Very Hard to Reach premises</p> <p>Through this call for evidence, the Department of Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS) wants to hear views and experiences of consumers' broadband connectivity in rural and remote areas of the UK. In addition, DCMS would also like to receive information on both the known benefits of broadband services and the current barriers to deployment and take-up. Additional evidence, either from the UK or abroad, on technology availability, maturity, capabilities and costs, from suppliers and vendors is also welcomed.</p> <p>The evidence gathered will enable DCMS to assess the options available for delivering improved connectivity to areas where the costs of delivering better digital infrastructure have so far proven to be a barrier to deployment.</p> <p>Improving broadband for Very Hard to Reach premises - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p>	Economic Development including Commercial Strategy	Director (Place and Recovery)	SSDC to form a joint response with Connecting Devon and SOMERSET	Joe Walsh Specialist - Economic Development	11 June 2021
<p>Local authority remote meetings: call for evidence</p> <p>This call for evidence seeks to understand the experience of local authorities in the whole of the UK regarding remote meetings. This includes authorities in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland.</p> <p>Local authority remote meetings: call for evidence - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p>	Finance and Legal Services	Director (Strategy and Support Services)	Officers in consultation with Portfolio Holder	Angela Cox, Specialist - Democratic Services	17 June 2021