

**Local Full Fibre Networks Programme
Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme
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Introduction

On 15th March, the Chancellor announced that the Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme (GBVS) is to expand to cover the entire UK. We expect the expanded scheme to go live by the end of March. This short bulletin provides an initial update to registered suppliers who are participating in the Wave 1 pilots. Further updates will be provided in due course.

Implementation Timescale

The expectation is that the GBVS will be “live” (i.e. accepting voucher requests from outside of Wave 1 areas) by the end of March. From the go-live date, all postcode areas in the UK will be eligible to take part in the scheme.

New Scheme Terms and Conditions

Following learnings from the Wave 1 voucher pilots, we are planning to include a number of changes to the scheme design and associated terms and conditions. Further details will be provided shortly. We can confirm that residential vouchers will be eligible in all postcode areas at the current value (£500) but only as part of “project” pre-registered packages also including SMEs. Other changes to terms and conditions will be available to registered suppliers shortly.

Role of Scheme Portal and Local Bodies

The existing online portal (which manages the voucher application process) will also be used to support the expanded GBVS. Local bodies in existing Wave 1 areas will continue to provide support for vouchers issued up to the go-live date for GBVS. For vouchers issued after the go-live date (either in Wave 1 areas, or in expanded areas which are now eligible), alternate arrangements will be in place.

Impact on Existing Pre-Registered Packages

From 19th March, suppliers with existing pre-registered standard packages will be asked to confirm whether these packages are available within the expanded UK postcode areas, and also to accept the new terms and conditions for the Scheme. This process will be managed using the online portal. Applications for new packages (which will also be managed via the online portal) will be accepted from w/c 26th March.

If you have any questions about the Scheme please contact us at LFFNSuppliers@culture.gov.uk.