

**Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme
Important Supplier Bulletin #34
12 May 2020**

Introduction

Since November 2019 through numerous Supplier Bulletins we communicated that the LFFN funding for the Scheme is nearing full commitment and in Bulletin #26 we communicated our closure plans for the LFFN funding.

This bulletin provides notice that, from the date and time stated below, we will no longer accept voucher requests associated with the LFFN funded part of the Scheme.

IMPORTANT

In accordance with the Scheme terms and conditions, we now provide notice that from the date and time stated below we will cease to accept new voucher requests for PRPs (standard or project) that are funded under the LFFN element of the Scheme.

14 May 2020 at 13:00

This is because we expect the available funds for the LFFN part of the scheme to be fully committed through vouchers requested in this period of time.

Suppliers are again reminded that no commitment exists for DCMS to provide funding associated with a voucher until such time as we “issue” the voucher. We will only issue vouchers for LFFN funding where: the beneficiary has confirmed their acceptance of the Scheme terms and conditions; we believe the terms of the Scheme have been fully met and (as provided in Clause 13.1.2(b) of the Supplier terms and conditions) sufficient LFFN funds are available to honour the voucher if a compliant connection is delivered.

If there is insufficient LFFN funding to honour all vouchers that have been requested, we will allocate the remaining LFFN funding on a 'first come first served' basis (i.e. prioritising voucher requests in the order that they were received by us).

This notice is provided so that suppliers may properly manage customer expectations.

Rural Projects

This note confirms that funding remains available for qualifying Rural Projects and that we will continue to accept requests and issue vouchers for these projects as normal.

Kent Projects - Schedule 8 - Additional Funding

We wish to clarify the Scheme terms and conditions in respect of the eligibility of residential premises in Kent which may use the Kent top up funding set out in Schedule 8 (Additional Funding) of the Scheme terms and conditions. As it has always been the case in practice that only residential premises in Kent which have broadband speeds of less than 30 Mbps available are eligible for this additional funding, with effect from the date of this bulletin item 2 in the third column of row 2 in the table in Schedule 8 (Additional Funding) is replaced with the following:

“2. Residential Beneficiaries of RGC Projects in Kent is £500 to £2,500 (inclusive of VAT), provided that the £2,500 maximum voucher value applies only if at the time the voucher is requested (as described in paragraph 9.1.1 above): (i) the property is more than three (3) years old; and (ii) the available broadband speed at the property is less than 30 Mbps (as determined by the Authority and whether or not the relevant connection is currently in use). Otherwise, the voucher value will be £500 to £1,500 (inclusive of VAT);”

Kent Top up RGC Projects are unaffected by the closure to voucher requests for the LFFN part of the Scheme.

If you have any questions about the Scheme please contact us using the support service when signed in to the website.