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Broadband Delivery

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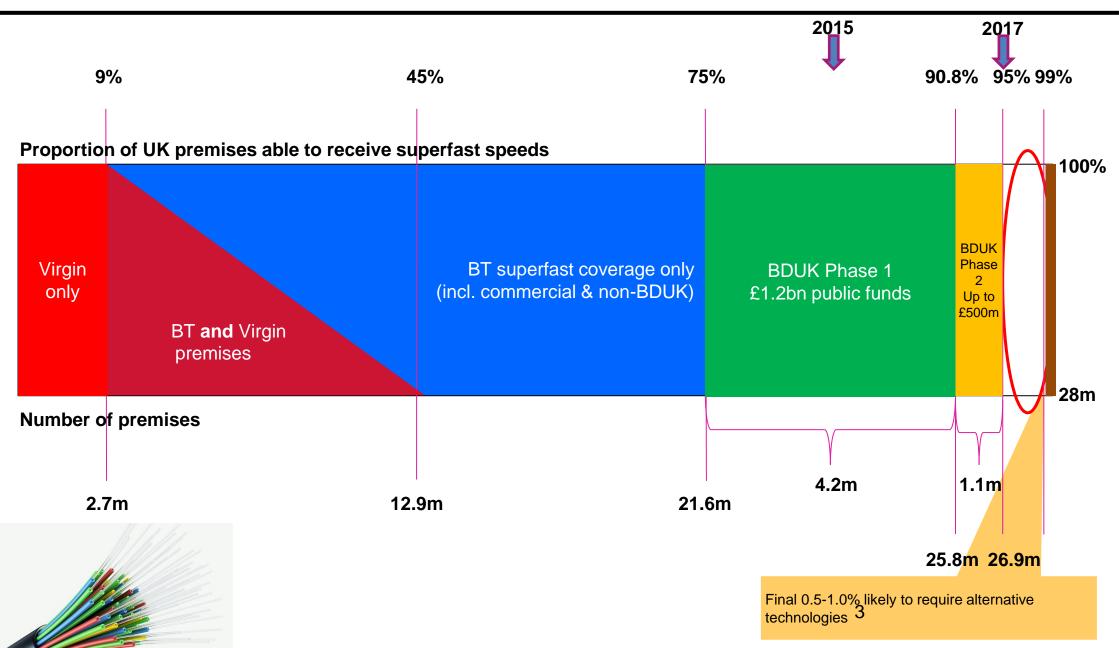
- 1. <u>Superfast</u> broadband coverage is now available to <u>90%</u> of UK
- 2. Launched <u>universal 2Mbps standard</u> broadband access
- 3. Seven Market Test Pilots have been fully deployed
- 4. Over 40,000 SMEs have improved connections as result of Vouchers
- 5. <u>Superfast</u> broadband target <u>95%</u> of UK by <u>2017</u>



Extending coverage

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- 90% of homes and businesses across the UK now have access to superfast broadband. The BDUK programme has now provided superfast access to 3.84 million additional premises as at the end of March 2016
- Approximate 26.25 million premises in UK now have superfast broadband access
- BT have announced **£258 million of gainshare** funding to be reinvested due to better than expected take-up of superfast broadband. £129 million is available now for reinvestment by Local Bodies
- BDUK achieved £150 million of efficiency gains for reinvestment by local bodies
- The programme is being delivered on time and under budget. Aiming to reach 95% superfast coverage by end of 2017



- The European Commission have approved the 2016 National Broadband Scheme (NBS) May 2016
- Decision recognises the NBS scheme as being compliant with EU competition law. Opens up more opportunities to increase investment into superfast broadband
- National Competency Centre (BDUK) can now approve Superfast Broadband projects up to 2020
- Around 20 new contracts to be agreed, including Essex



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- Seven Market Test Pilots deployed across the UK
- Mixture of technologies including wireless, FTTP, satellite and hybrid
- Over 1,400 customer connections across the pilots. Surveys show that pilot customers are happy with the services they are receiving
 - The Pilots may also help overcome some of the infrastructure challenges in the most sparsely populated areas. For example: Call-Flow Hampshire:
 - 96% coverage of lowest 2% premises density in the UK
 - Achieved this through a mix of FTTC, FTTP and FWA
 - Now delivering broadband in Berkshire as part of BDUK Phase 2.
 - Trialing with Openreach to make FTTC available to exchange only lines.

Market Test Pilots: A case study

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- Near complete coverage of 3 entire rural exchange areas for ~£800 per premises
- A hybrid delivery model using FTTC, FTTP and wireless technologies, and a combination of leasing and ownership of infrastructure
- 92% will have fibre-based access, with a high % of FTTP









Basic Broadband Scheme

 Access to broadband of speeds of at least 2Mbps is available to homes and businesses across the UK via Satellite and wireless.

Universal Service Obligation

- Ambition is that the minimum speed should be set initially at 10 Mbps,
- Speed will be kept under review to ensure it keeps pace with consumers' changing needs.
- Confirmed intention to press ahead with USO in May 2015 following initial consultation
- A further consultation on the detail of a broadband USO in early 2017





<u>Gigabit Britain</u>

- Supporting industry investment into infrastructure capable of achieving higher speeds, capacity and reliability
- Could include a range of technologies including 5G networks, fast wireless and FTTP
 - BT and Virgin Media programmes
 - G.fast and Project Lightning could improve speeds across the UK to potentially 500Mbps

