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Highlands & Islands Enterprise Community Broadband Scotland

STATE AID PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR KYLES COMMUNITY BROADBAND – CLOSURE NOTE

1. Outcome of the Public Consultation

The Public Consultation for Kyles Community Broadband closed on 26th January 2018, with no supplier responses received. Following this process, the intervention area for the project was finalised prior to releasing the ITT. The final State Aid maps for Next Generation Access (NGA) Broadband is provided in Section 4 and is available on the Highlands & Islands Enterprise Community Broadband Scotland website at:

<http://www.hie.co.uk/community-support/community-broadband-scotland/updates/state-aid.html>

2. Timescales

The following table summarises the indicative timescales of the procurement:

Activity	Date
Consultation period for the State Aid Public Consultation	22 nd December 2017 to 26 th January 2018
Submit State Aid notification (Part 1) to the Department for Media Culture and Sport	Q4 fy 17/18
Invitation to Tender	During period of 22 nd December 2017 to April 2018
Submit State Aid notification (Part 2) to the Department for Media Culture and Sport	May/June 2018
Sign contract	Summer 2018

3. Revised State Aid Maps

The following criteria have been used by Highlands & Islands Enterprise to determine the classification of areas into NGA White/Grey/Black areas:

For NGA:

- A postcode is turned grey if there is only one broadband infrastructure operator currently or planning to provide (in the next three years) NGA services (supporting minimum speeds of at least 30Mbps) to all premises in that postcode.
- A postcode is turned black if there are at least two broadband infrastructure operators currently or planning to provide (in the next three years) NGA services (supporting minimum speeds of at least 30Mbps) to all premises in that postcode.
- All other postcodes remain white.

For Basic Broadband, no data was received from the market to allow Basic Broadband State Aid mapping.

The following tables summarise the outcome of the Public Consultation in terms of NGA White, Grey and Black postcodes and premises.

The proposed Intervention Area includes **624** NGA White premises spread over **45** NGA White postcodes.

	Number of postcodes	Number of black premises	Number of grey premises	Number of white premises
Black postcodes	0	0	0	-
Grey postcodes	0	0	0	-
White postcodes	45	0	25	624

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Updated State Aid Maps - The NGA State Aid map is shown below.

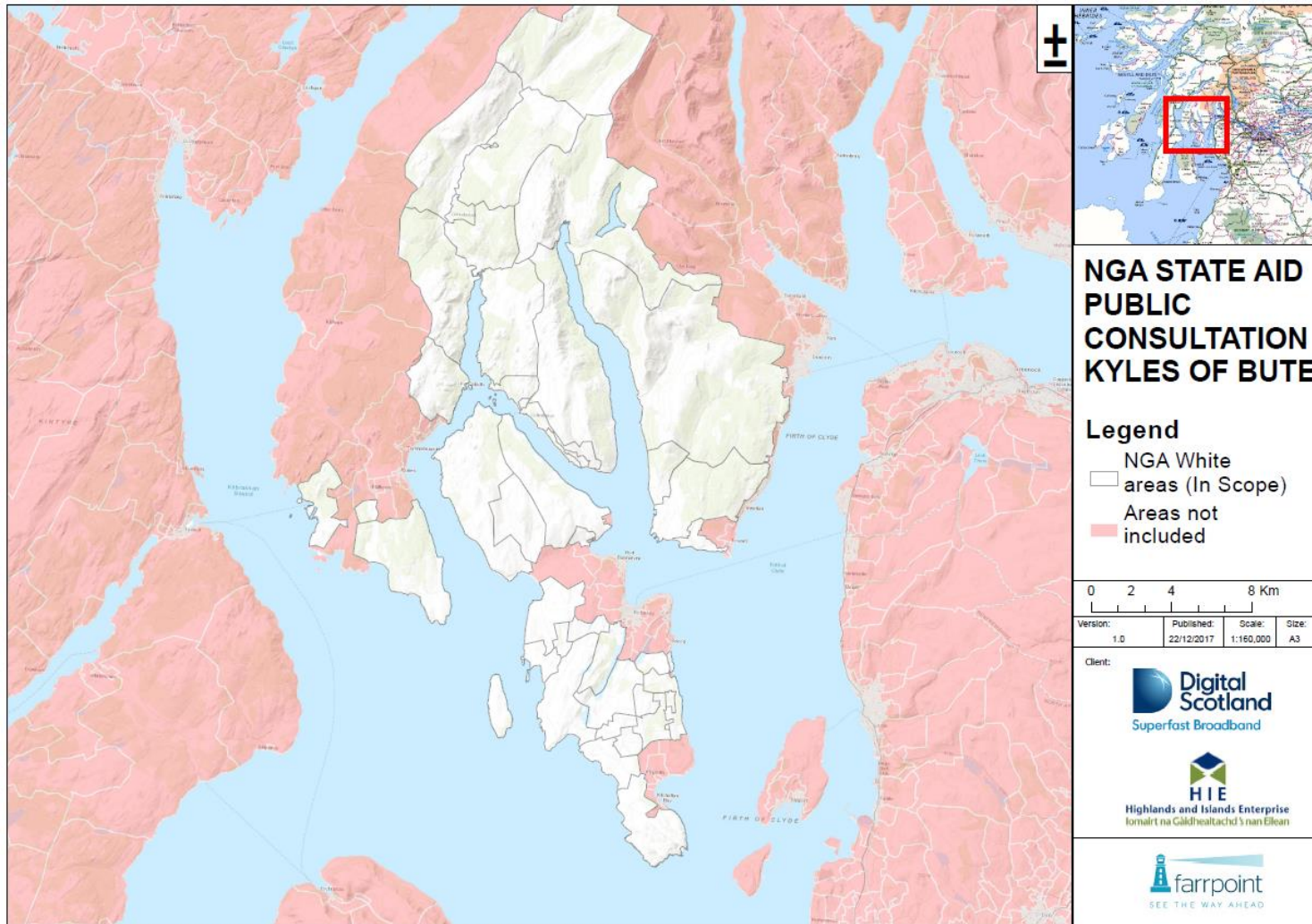


Figure 1: NGA State Aid Map

4. Stakeholder Responses

Whilst the key purpose of the consultation was to check back with suppliers our understanding of their current or planned coverage proposals for broadband infrastructure, it was also to take account of any new private or publicly funded community broadband schemes and to give an opportunity for the public to comment. No responses were received from the public.

6. Status of Intervention Area

The State Aid Public Consultation is now closed. Highlands & Islands Enterprise will submit the State Aid notification to the National Competence Centre (part of the Department for Culture Media and Sport) which oversees the UK National Broadband Scheme. This will set out the Intervention Areas mapped above. When clearance is granted, the Intervention Areas mapped above will be confirmed as eligible for public sector intervention by Highlands & Islands Enterprise. Kyles Community Broadband is conducting a procurement as per the indicated timescales in Section 2.

7. Contact Details

If you have any comments or questions regarding the project, you can get in touch with the Community Broadband Scotland project team by email at: cbs-enquiries@hient.co.uk

Up-to-date information about Community Broadband Scotland can be found at: <http://www.hie.co.uk/community-support/community-broadband-scotland/>