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## Highlands & Islands Enterprise Community Broadband Scotland

### STATE AID PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR ARDROSS, BERWICKSHIRE, CAIRNGORMS, KINLOCHARD, LOCHEILNET, LOCH TAY, LUNAN VALLEY, MT BLAIR & AMULREE, MARYKIRK, TROSSACHS – CLOSURE NOTE

#### 1. Outcome of the Public Consultation

The combined Public Consultation for the areas of Ardross, Berwickshire, Cairngorms, Kinlochard, Locheilnet, Loch Tay, Lunan Valley, Mt Blair & Amulree, Marykirk, Trossachs closed on 11th November 2016, with only one response received.

Following the outcome of this process, the intervention area for the project areas were finalised prior to commencing procurement. The final State Aid maps for 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/resource-library.html>

Please note that the Lunan Valley project area is subject to further consultation to encompass a small number of additional postcodes that have been identified which could benefit from being part of the intended upcoming procurement. These postcodes are believed to be all NGA white and therefore eligible for intervention. CBS has opened this new State Aid Public Consultation targeted at the Lunan Valley Community Broadband project to seek feedback from all interested stakeholders on the extended project scope. Full details can be found by following the link stated above.

## 2. Timescales

The following table summarises the indicative timescales of the planned procurements:

Activity	Date
<b>Consultation period for the State Aid Public Consultation</b>	<b>7th October 2016 to 11th November 2016</b>
<b>Submit State Aid notification (Part 1) to the Department for Media Culture and Sport</b>	<b>Q1 of FY 2017/18</b>
<b>Issue Invitation to Tender</b>	<b>Q1 of FY 2017/18</b>
<b>Submit State Aid notification (Part 2) to the Department for Media Culture and Sport</b>	<b>Q3/Q4 of FY 2017/18</b>
<b>Sign contract</b>	<b>Q3/Q4 of FY 2017/18</b>

## 3. Revised State Aid Maps

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

- 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.

In addition, the proposed Intervention Area includes a number of “under review” postcodes. The plans for these areas have been identified as at risk of not being completed and as a result these areas will be subject to continued monitoring and verification of operators plans by CBS within the 3 year period. If commercial plans do not materialise, these premises will be mapped as NGA white and form part of the eligible Intervention Area via this aid measure.

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 and Under Review postcodes and premises in each area:

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### (i) Ardross

	Postcodes	NGA Black Premises	NGA Grey Premises	NGA White Premises
<b>Black postcodes</b>	0	0	0	-
<b>Grey postcodes</b>	0	0	0	-
<b>White postcodes</b>	11	0	0	<b>200</b>

### (ii) Cairngorms

	Postcodes	NGA Black Premises	NGA Grey Premises	NGA White Premises	Under Review Premises
<b>Black postcodes</b>	0	0	0	-	
<b>Grey postcodes</b>	0	0	0	-	
<b>White postcodes</b>	104	0	0	<b>1146</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Under Review Postcodes</b>	5	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>142</b>

### (iii) Locheilnet

	Postcodes	NGA Black Premises	NGA Grey Premises	NGA White Premises
<b>Black postcodes</b>	0	0	0	-
<b>Grey postcodes</b>	0	0	0	-
<b>White postcodes</b>	5	0	0	<b>96</b>

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### (iv) Kinlochard

	Postcodes	NGA Black Premises	NGA Grey Premises	NGA White Premises
<b>Black postcodes</b>	0	0	0	-
<b>Grey postcodes</b>	0	0	0	-
<b>White postcodes</b>	13	0	0	<b>154</b>

### (v) Trossachs

	Postcodes	NGA Black Premises	NGA Grey Premises	NGA White Premises
<b>Black postcodes</b>	0	0	0	-
<b>Grey postcodes</b>	0	0	0	-
<b>White postcodes</b>	9	0	0	<b>124</b>

### (vi) Loch Tay (Fortingall)

	Postcodes	NGA Black Premises	NGA Grey Premises	NGA White Premises
<b>Black postcodes</b>	0	0	0	-
<b>Grey postcodes</b>	0	0	0	-
<b>White postcodes</b>	11	0	0	<b>94</b>

(vii) Lunan Valley, Mt Blair and Amulree

	Postcodes	NGA Black Premises	NGA Grey Premises	NGA White Premises
<b>Black postcodes</b>	0	0	0	-
<b>Grey postcodes</b>	0	0	0	-
<b>White postcodes</b>	115	0	0	<b>944</b>

(viii) Marykirk

	Postcodes	NGA Black Premises	NGA Grey Premises	NGA White Premises
<b>Black postcodes</b>	0	0	0	-
<b>Grey postcodes</b>	0	0	0	-
<b>White postcodes</b>	46	0	0	<b>446</b>

(ix) Berwickshire

	Postcodes	NGA Black Premises	NGA Grey Premises	NGA White Premises
<b>Black postcodes</b>	0	0	0	-
<b>Grey postcodes</b>	0	0	0	-
<b>White postcodes</b>	34	0	0	<b>397</b>

**4. State Aid Maps**

The State Aid maps for the Intervention Areas are shown below.

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**Updated State Aid Maps** - The updated NGA State Aid maps are shown below:

<see separate pdf files>

*Figure 1: NGA Broadband State Aid Map*

## **5. 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 (Part 1) 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, meaning the Intervention Areas mapped above are confirmed as eligible for public sector intervention by Highlands & Islands Enterprise, then the procurements will commence 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](mailto: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/>