

MEETING REPORT

Meeting Type: Digital and Connectivity Subgroup

Date: 15/6/2020

Present: Neil Davis, Ian McChesney, Jill Block, Lucy Davis

Summary of Conversation:

Linking in with the wider picture, digital is key to any transformation that we could bring about through the Towns Fund. Digital as a scaffold.

E.g. Local renewable energy and transport – linking producers and consumers across networks, sharing information, making it useful for business. How does data build networks and vice versa.

Ideas for how to do this:

- ‘Digital Twinning’ – mirroring physical networks with digital networks
- Open Data Institute Leeds – commissioned by Cornwall Council to research an open data network across the county, initially in 4 specific areas, including upskilling opportunities
- Goonhilly have data storage capacity that we could buy
- Made Open – have clients around the country, community information sharing and project collaboration, project management
- Exeter University – digital skills training, education system failing on digital knowledge
- Cornwall Trade and Investments – attract businesses and expertise into Cornwall

Key question: How do we create value out of these? And train people to do it on an ongoing basis? i.e. skills development.

Key objectives:

1. Skills development and training
2. Making data available and using it
3. E-commerce and business development – locally, UK-wide and globally
4. Commercially based but for community benefit – e.g. social enterprise, Community Benefit Society
5. Premises, people and talent

ACTIONS:

- **Lucy** will ask all sub-groups to include a paragraph on how their plans can be supported by digital
- **Lucy** will write in to finance plan; will talk to Sarah about Food and Fishing
- **Ian** will look into links with Transport and Energy group
- **Neil** will talk to James about links with the sports and well-being centre, and Young People, Skills and Training; and culture and heritage; will start an overview paper
- **Jill** will talk to Dan Rainbow about health digital links; and housing; and the Harbour Users Group; and continue conversation with Open Data Institute

Next meeting: Monday 22nd, 4.30pm