

**Economic Regeneration and Transport SCRUTINY PANEL
WI-FI Town– ACTION PLAN**

2nd March 2015

SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION	PROPOSED ACTION	BY WHOM	BUDGET COST	TIMESCALE
1. That Middlesbrough Council takes action to provide free public Wi-Fi in main Council buildings and other public buildings such as libraries, community hubs, leisure centres, Middlesbrough Golf Centre and the new Sports Village.	To take forward the recommendation and provide free Wi-Fi across Council owned buildings such as Sports Centres, Golf Centre, Sports Village, museums, and Middlesbrough Bus Station.	Gemma Cooper	TBA	2015-16
2. That other local authorities that have successfully provided such facilities are approached to determine how this has been achieved. This should involve: a) Ascertaining how issues such as Public Services Network (PSN) compliance have been resolved and network security has been maintained. b) Accepting Teesside University's offer of providing free assistance/advice with these issues.	Will be progressed as part of the business case. Meetings to be arranged once there is a proposal to discuss.	Steve Fletcher	TBA	2015-16
3. That a detailed assessment is made of the feasibility of providing free public		Richard Dowson	TBA	Study completed by

<p>Wi-Fi in Centre Square in Middlesbrough. This should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A technical appraisal of the options available. b) Detailed costings (capital and revenue) to enable a decision to be made on whether or not free wi-fi should be provided. c) Examining whether there is any possibility of free public wi-fi being provided at no cost to the Council. d) Examining whether there is any possibility of the Council generating income from free wi-fi provision. e) Ensuring that the necessary safety and security issues are addressed. f) A final decision on the issue being made by the Council's Executive. 	<p>Items A-F will be progressed as part of the business case development.</p>			<p>April 2015</p> <p>Implementation during 2015-16</p>
<p>4. That the scrutiny panel's findings in relation to digital inclusion are drawn to the attention of the Council's Financial Inclusion Group. That group should be requested to ensure that the panel's concerns are addressed by continuing the work that is currently being undertaken with partner organisations and by building on the relationship that the authority has with Erimus/Thirteen.</p>	<p>Ongoing work will assess the viability of this through discussions with local partners.</p>	<p>Richard Dowson</p>		<p>2015-16</p>
<p>5. That, given the Mayor's Statement at the 26 November 2014 Council meeting in respect of making Capital Programme</p>	<p>Will be utilised as part of the business case from funding already allocated through Capital</p>	<p>Richard Dowson</p>		<p>2015-16</p>

<p>funding available to provide public Wi-Fi in Middlesbrough, the Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel's final report is used to assist the process.</p>	<p>Programme for 15-16</p>			
<p>6. That the Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel is updated on progress made.</p>	<p>Confirmation this will happen.</p>	<p>Richard Dowson</p>		<p>2015-16</p>