

## **East West Rail Consortium Board 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

### **Agenda Item 9: Digital Connectivity**

**Recommendation: It is recommended that the meeting note the report**

#### **1. Context**

- 1.1. Delivery of East West Rail Western Section is moving forward with increasing momentum.
- 1.2. As part of its considerations of the importance of investing in wider strategic infrastructure the EEH Business Unit has been working with both Network Rail and the DfT to explore opportunities to realise the ambition for the Western Section being delivered as a connected corridor – one that sees digital infrastructure delivered alongside the rail infrastructure.
- 1.3. Annex 1 is a summary of the work to date that has been taken forward by members of the EEH Digital Infrastructure and Services Working Group.
- 1.4. The paper sets out the opportunity identified to work with East West Rail and the appropriate DfT Sponsor to develop the business case that would support a proposal being submitted to Government that would secure the necessary funding.

#### **2. Digital Infrastructure and Services Working Group**

- 2.1. The proposal presented in Annex 1 is an example of how EEH can look across policy areas to identify opportunities to align investment in strategic infrastructure to the benefit of residents, businesses and transport users.

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