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To: Digital Communications Infrastructure Strategy Team
Department for Culture, Media and Sport
4th Floor
100 Parliament Street
London
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Response to the Digital Communications Infrastructure Strategy Consultation

I write on behalf of Socitm and the Local Public Services CIO Council (see over) to endorse the following submissions to your public consultation:

1. Local Government Association
2. Cambridgeshire County Council

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Socitm

Socitm is the professional body for people involved in the leadership and management of IT and digitally enabled services delivered for public benefit. It offers networking and peer support, professional development, and access to research and consultancy on a wide range of policy and technology issues to its 1400 members and their employing organisations.

Socitm works with the Local Government Association and the Local e-Government Standards Body (LeGSB) in areas such as data quality, interoperability standards, transparency and open data; with Central Government, including Cabinet Office, CESG, HM Treasury, the Department of Communities and Local Government, the Department of Work and Pensions, and the Department of Health; with other professional associations and groups, such as SOLACE, CIPFA and ADASS – IMG; and with the Local Digital Campaign and Local GovDigital. The Local Public Services Chief Information Officer (CIO) Council is made up of Socitm members. Socitm also has strong links to its partner associations in Europe and around the world.

Local Public Services CIO Council (LCIOC)

The purposes of the LCIOC include:

- To set and lead the vision and strategic direction for ICT and digital policy for local public services.
- To facilitate local commissioning and implementation of strategies and initiatives for digitally-enabled local public services reform.

The Council is an independent group supported by Socitm. Representatives on the Council cover all geographic areas of the country, along with differing sizes of Local Authority, and other public and third sector bodies such as Education, Police, Health, etc.