Digital Connectivity Infrastructure Accelerator (DCIA)

Digital Platform Local Authorities Survey

Please read the [background information document](#) then follow the link to complete the survey [here](#).

FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES ONLY

Please complete this survey only if you represent a Local Authority in the United Kingdom. If you represent another type of organisation and would like to receive further information or are interested in providing a contribution, please contact dcia-info@dcms.gov.uk.

Respondents should read through the background information document on the DCIA collection page first before responding to this survey.

PRIVACY NOTICE

All responses will be strictly confidential and will be stored in accordance with GDPR laws.

We will be collecting your name and email address in order to contact you regarding your interest in the DCIA project. The purpose of this survey is to gain insight and understanding on where the UK Local Authorities are in their journey of mapping assets that could be used for telecommunication infrastructure. This will enable DCMS to get a greater understanding of support needed at a regional and local level across the UK.

Aggregated insights generated from the survey may be published at a later date, in which case individual responses will not be referenced.

For more information on how DCMS stores data please see the Personal Charter (https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-digital-culture-media-sport/about/personal-information-charter). Please contact dcia-info@dcms.gov.uk if you wish to delete or update the data collected in this form.

Name:

Local Authority:

Role:

Contact email:

Please confirm email:

DEMAND FOR ASSETS FOR DEPLOYMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE

How many of your Authority-owned buildings, land and street furniture assets currently have mobile networks or other wireless telecommunications equipment mounted on them (actual or estimated number)?
- More than 50 sites
- Between 20 and 50 sites
- Less than 20 sites
- Don't know

What is your estimate of the likely growth in the number of sites using the Authority-owned assets to deploy mobile networks or other wireless telecommunications equipment over the next 5 years?
- Over 30% growth in a number of sites compared to now
- Between 15% and 30% growth
- Between 5% and 15% growth
- Less than 5% growth
- No growth or reduction in a number of sites compared to now

How much demand are you currently experiencing for the use of Authority-owned buildings and land assets (e.g. rooftops of municipally owned buildings, public spaces, etc.) by Wireless Telecommunication Infrastructure Providers?
- High – currently we receive over 10 new site requests in one month
- Medium – between 5 and 10 requests per month
- Low – less than 5 requests per month
- None – we have not received any requests recently

How much demand are you currently experiencing for the use of the Authority owned street furniture assets (e.g. lamppost columns, CCTV columns, etc.) by Wireless Telecommunication Infrastructure Providers?
- High – currently we receive over 20 new site requests in one month
- Medium – between 10 and 20 requests per month
- Low – less than 10 requests per month
- None – we have not received any requests recently

Generally, how would you describe your current interactions with Wireless Telecommunication Infrastructure Providers in relation to requests for the use of Authority owned assets?
- Fast and effective with very few issues encountered
- Constructive but slow, multiple clarifications needed
- Slow and difficult, unable to resolve objections

Which issues do you typically encounter in response to Wireless Telecommunication Infrastructure Providers' requests for the use of Authority owned assets?

Often / Sometimes / Rarely / Never / Not applicable
- Lack of asset information (data)
- Lack of a defined process
- Defined process not being followed
- Lack of supporting tools and systems
- Unclear technical requirements
- Planning regulations
- Third-party contractual constraints

- Site usage rates / fees
- Community objections
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ASSET DATA READINESS

Does your organisation have an explicit strategy for development of digital connectivity infrastructure, including telecommunications industry engagement?
- Yes, the strategy is in place
- No, but it is in the process of being created
- No, not aware of any

Has your organisation assigned a role of Digital Connectivity Champion, Coordinator or similar?
- Yes
- No, but we are looking to do so
- No, such role has not been assigned

If you selected yes to the question above please specify the role title:

Is management of asset data, in general or as specific to telecommunications infrastructure, recognised and supported by your organisation?
- Documented as a strategic objective and has dedicated sponsorship by a senior leader
- Recognised as a functional responsibility within a relevant department
- Managed on a case-by-case basis when requested for a specific purpose
- None of the above

How would you describe the quality of your asset data specific for the purpose of deploying telecommunications infrastructure, and how easy is it to access and share?
- Data is of good quality and pre-aggregated for use specific to telecom infrastructure
- Data is of fine quality, but is missing key fields or is partially inaccessible
- Data is of limited quality and difficult to access

How would you describe your organisation's ability to manage asset data and enquiries from telecommunication infrastructure providers?
- My organisation is well set-up to manage asset data and enquiries
- My organisation has some capability to manage asset data and telecoms enquiries
- My organisation does not have sufficient resources or structure to manage asset data in a coordinated way

DIGITAL PLATFORM

Before answering questions in this section of the survey please refer to relevant definitions in the [briefing document](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/background-information-document-for-the-dcia-regional-authorities-survey/dcia-local-authorities-survey-supporting-information) https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/background-information-document-for-the-dcia-regional-authorities-survey/dcia-local-authorities-survey-supporting-information

Have you implemented a form of a Digital Platform, or are planning to do so?
- Yes, fully implemented
- Yes, currently in implementation
- Yes, in planning
- No, no plans to implement such a platform

If yes, did you (or do you plan to) use a solution developed in-house or did you (or do you plan to) source an existing solution from a supplier?
- Developed in-house by relying on internal resources
- Developed in-house by commissioning a third party
- Sourced an existing solution with customisation to our requirements
- Sourced an existing solution without any customisation
- None

What scope of functionality have you implemented or are planning to implement in the first instance?
- Asset Map
- Asset Register
- Asset Marketplace
- None
- Other:

What scope of functionality do you hope to achieve in the future?
- Asset Map
- Asset Register
- Asset Marketplace
- None
- Other:

REGIONAL COLLABORATION

How would you describe your collaborative relationships with your respective regional government or economic development organisations specific to development of digital connectivity and telecommunication infrastructure?

                            Strong / Good / Limited / None / Not applicable

Devolved Government
Combined Authority
Regional City Deal or a Growth Fund
Local Enterprise Partnership
Other

If you have stated 'Other' to the previous question can you please describe this organisation?

Based on your understanding and experience, which one of these organisations holds primary strategic responsibility for development of digital connectivity infrastructure in your region?
- Devolved Government
- Combined Authority
- Regional City Deal or a Growth Fund
- Local Enterprise Partnership
- There is no recognised regional approach
- Other:

How aligned is your Authority's approach with the regional strategy and programmes designed to support development of digital connectivity infrastructure?
- Fully aligned with no exceptions
- Mostly aligned with some local customisation
- Partially aligned with significant local variation
- Not aligned as our local needs differ significantly from the region
- Not relevant

Do you receive funding support from one or more regional organisations to help your efforts to develop local digital connectivity infrastructure?
- Yes, this is the main source of funding
- Yes, this is one of several funding streams
- No, our efforts are funded from other sources
- Not relevant

FURTHER INTEREST

Would you like to be involved and support DCMS in a national approach to development and adoption of a Digital Platform?
- Yes - happy to discuss further
- No – but please keep me informed
- No – do not keep me informed

Do you have any other comments which you believe should be considered?

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