

Integrated Impact Assessment – Rental of Council Assets for 5G Nodes

The Council will enable 3rd party telecom providers to site equipment on their buildings/assets to support the rollout of 5G network capability across Edinburgh. This will also support network providers to rollout 4G technology in areas where coverage of this is also poor. This will provide access to much faster mobile data to support working remotely, digital learning and reduce the reliance on fixed broadband connections for fast and reliable access. 5G technology is much better at handling thousands of devices simultaneously, from mobiles to equipment sensors, video cameras to smart streetlights and will support the ambition of our Digital and Smart City Strategy.

The integrated impact assessment has not changed in the last year.

The programme is still in planning with implementation not expected to begin until financial year 2022/23 based on the 3rd party telecom providers investment plans for Edinburgh.

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