SoS Local Broadband Plan

- South of Scotland Alliance (SoSA) - strategic partnership between partners shown below

- Sept 2011 - SoSA Local Broadband Plan submitted Scottish Government
  - Total cost of £120m - to deliver NGB to 94% of South of Scotland and minimum of 2mpbs to remaining 6%

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- Deliver to 35 market towns – fibre rollout has to go to main centres first
- Extend fibre rollout out to public sector 'Pathfinder' sites
- Work with communities in the final 10-15% to identify alternative funding solutions to deliver Infrastructure in parallel to National rollout.

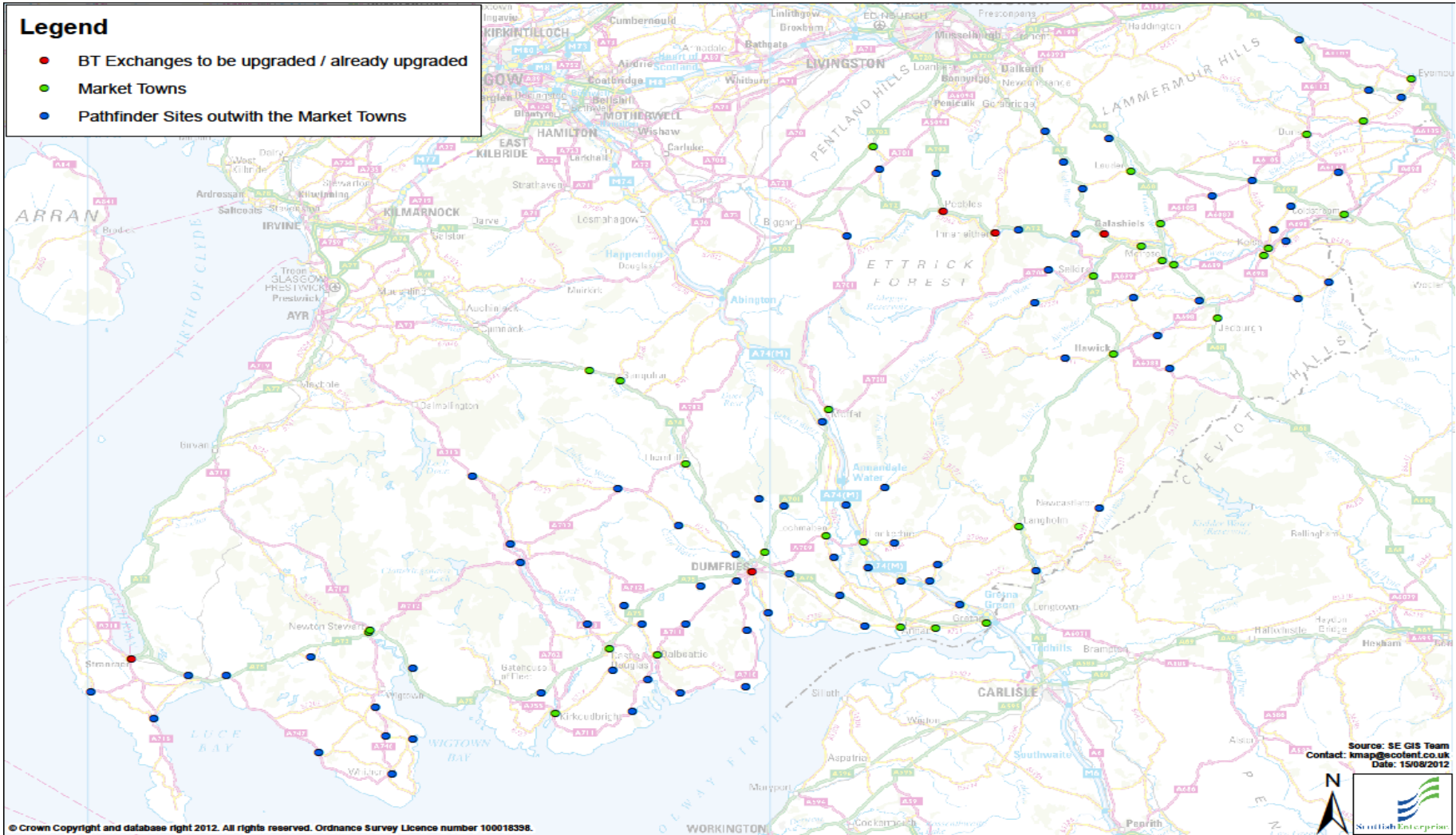- Moving target - BT now committed to supplying NGB to Galashiels, Peebles, Innerleithen, Dumfries, Stranraer

Infrastructure Priorities

Legend

- 🔴 BT Exchanges to be upgraded / already upgraded
- 🟢 Market Towns
- 🔵 Pathfinder Sites outwith the Market Towns

SoSA Targets

- BT commitment = 25% population cover
- 35 Market towns = 64% cover
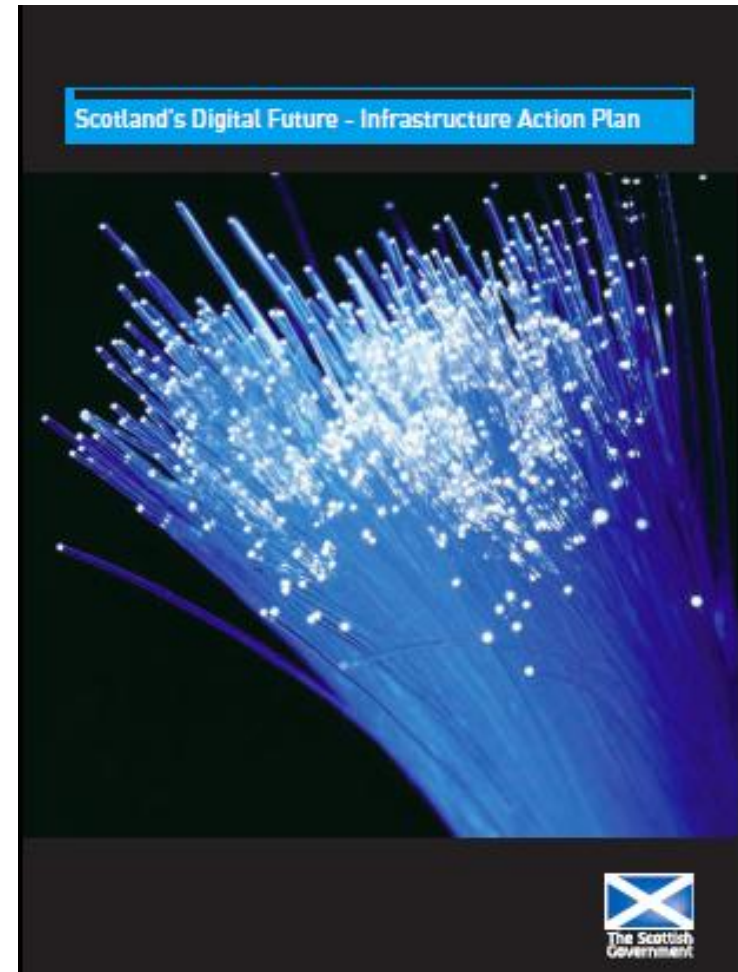- Extra Pathfinder sites = 94% cover

National Digital Infrastructure Action Plan

Programme 1: Achieving a step change by 2015 40 – 80Mbps for between 85% to 90% of premises.

Programme 2: Achieving world-class by 2020 90% of homes and business to have access to minimum of 100Mbps by 2020;With 40% access to 100Mbps by 2015.

Programme 3: Demonstrating and delivering innovative and local solutions. Support final 10% communities through Community Broadband Scotland fund.

Programme 4: Increasing take-up and stimulating demand. Rate of broadband take-up by people in Scotland should be at or above the UK average by 2013, and should be highest among the UK nations by 2015.

Mar 2012 – Scottish Government launched
National Infrastructure Action Plan
     (SoS to become part of this)

Sept 2012 – Programme 1 - NGB Step
Change 2015 Procurement process begins

June 2013 – Appointment of supplier to
deliver NGB Step Change 2015

Oct 2012 – Programme 3 – CBS scheme
launched.

Map shows possible core upgrades required

South of Scotland
ALLIANCE

Moving
the
South of Scotland
Forward

<u>Ongoing SoSA Role</u>

<u>Demand</u> <u>Stimulation</u>

- SoSA Demand Registration website includes survey to register demand
  - Currently 875 respondents (5th Nov), of which 13 were outwith the SoS
- Four Groupings
  - Business Sector (252 businesses registered within SoS)
  - Residents (575 individuals)
  - Small Communities (26 community groups)
  - Public Sector (9 public sector representatives)
- Demand and Uptake critical to success – NGB Project Team working with partners to deliver Strategy through existing community and business advisers.

To help SoSA show demand in SoS, Register for Superfast Broadband:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SOSBroadbandRegistration

Questions