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Stratford-on-Avon District Council**

**Councillor Anthony Jefferson  
Leader of the Council**

Stratford-on-Avon District Council is committed to assisting the provision of improved, fast broadband connectivity for all of our communities; indeed, we have made it one of our Corporate Strategy priorities. However, we know that the rural nature of our District makes this a difficult challenge and that when the existing highly successful BDUK (Broadband Delivery UK) contracts come to an end, Contract 2 at the end of 2018 and Contract 3 at the end of 2019, some areas will still be experiencing slower speeds.

The Government has launched the Gigabit Voucher Connection Scheme which offers 'fibre to the premises' solutions at speeds from 100 Mbps to 1 Gbps (i.e. 1000 Mbps). This scheme is supplier-led with a wide range of suppliers offering different solutions. We appreciate that many communities within our District would benefit from this scheme but that it can be a minefield attempting to contact each supplier individually.

Therefore, we would like to invite you to an Open Day at Elizabeth House on Thursday 20 September when you will be able to meet some different suppliers in order to discuss individual or community needs to ascertain which solution on offer could best suit your area. The Open Day will take place in an open marketplace format and will be a drop-in event from 11:00am to 3:00pm.

I have also taken the opportunity to enclose full details of the Gigabit Voucher Connection Scheme which is centrally-funded by Government.

I look forward to meeting you at our Open Day!

Yours sincerely

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