

The Broadband Stakeholder Group (BSG) is the UK government's leading advisory group on broadband. It provides a neutral forum for organisations across the converging broadband value-chain to discuss and resolve key policy, regulatory and commercial issues, with the ultimate aim of helping to create a strong and competitive UK knowledge economy.

The BSG attempts to add value to the policy debate on broadband whether by publishing evidence based reports or by bringing together its sponsors to speak with one voice issues affecting the sector.

### 1. Effective policy and regulation to support private sector investment

As industry deploys infrastructure capable of ultrafast speeds, it is essential that barriers and costs for private sector investment are lowered to ensure that it is commercially viable in as large a part of the country as possible.

This is likely to cover:

- Work on addressing the final 3-4% of UK premises without superfast broadband, including work around a potential Broadband Universal Service Obligation or alternative solutions.
- Specific work on lowering the cost of deployment in urban areas (e.g. work around template wayleaves, business rates and joint work with local government).
- Increase our contribution to the debate on non-infrastructure issues (e.g. digital inclusion, skills, demand)

### 2. IPTV Work Stream

- Publish IPTV Infrastructure report.
- Assess potential for future work in this area;
  - Public Policy implications
  - Quality of Experience

### 3. Competition

With the BSG acting as a forum, explore the benefits of sustainable competition across the value chain.

### 4. Open Internet and industry self-regulation

- Complete reform of the Open Internet Codes and seek to provide input to BEREC in the drafting of interpretation guidelines.
- Continue engagement via Open Internet Forum on such issues.

### 5. Ongoing engagement and input to policy and regulatory developments as they arise

- UK Digital Strategy and any potential fallout
- Ofcom DCR
- EU Digital Single Market/Telecoms Framework Review
- Digital Economy Bill/Electronic Communications Code Reform