

Connecting Somerset

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Successful partnership project

Local authority, EU and SWRDA

Support for business – grant schemes

Working with communities

Campaigning for better broadband



NextGen is vital to rural economy

Same business needs as urban

Rural economy needs thriving
businesses

Connectivity vital for inclusion



It will still be a long time before...

2Mbps broadband

Next Generation Access

70% of Somerset is the final third!



In the meantime...

Mapping connectivity

Wireless broadband
service

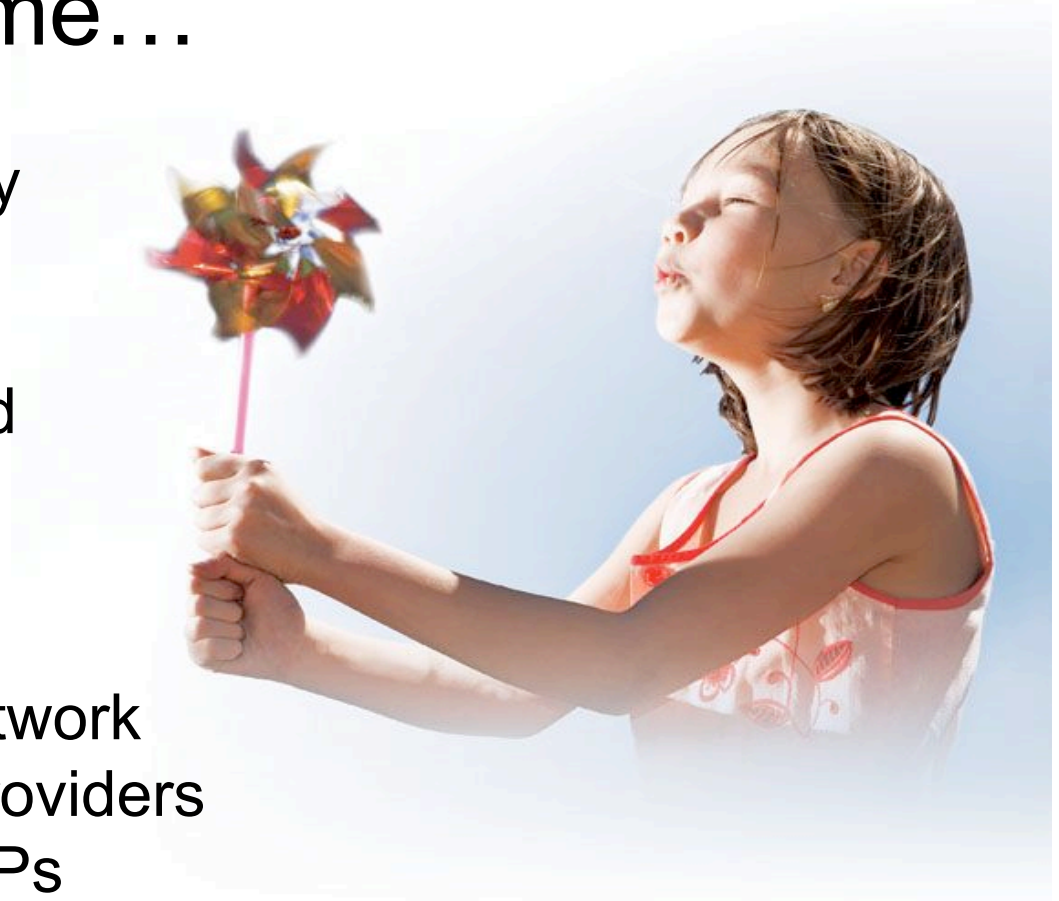
NGA pilot in targeted
community

NGA in urban
developments

SCC's wide area network

Lobbying national providers

Lobbying through MPs



In the meantime...

Technology for Business workshops

Local experts

Transformational
technology
grants

Virtual support centre



Thank you!

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