

INCA Standards Group

Tue 16 Nov 21

14:00 – 15:00

Time	Item	Who
14:00	Intro	Mike throughout
	Chair Appointment: volunteers?	
	Ofcom update: papers, schedule	
	Tiers vs Tech, Metrics vs Objective: views?	
	Ofcom "Use cases": views?	
	Add Gigabit-capable to INCA Gold Standard: views?	
	Differentiate FTTP / FTTB: views?	
14:55	AOB, DONZ 2.30pm Tue 30 Nov 21	

19 Oct 21

Forward schedule [agreed](#)

Ofcom WG2 – Terms of Reference

Attempt to align INCA scheme with eventual Ofcom Code

Info on BSI Kitemark™ and PAS

Both Ofcom & BSI: “Metric or Objective” = “Tiers vs Tech”

- will they support “Real Fibre” vs “Part Fibre”?

Volunteers, please, to malcolm.corbett@inca.coop

INCA Board meeting this week. Thurs 18 Nov.

Ofcom Standards WG mainly Policy & Regulatory

Standards and Consumers:

- Technical
- Marketing

“To develop and agree common standards [for consumer information] the WG members will adopt and recommend.”

Following the GigaTAG report and in support of enabling gigabit capable connections.

- Regular meetings online
- from now until Feb 22
- could include consumer research
- consulting on proposed common standards “early 22”
- leading to new voluntary Code “mid 22”
- [papers at Ofcom Common Standards WG | INCA](#)

- BT Group
- CityFibre
- Hyperoptic
- Independent Networks Cooperative Association (INCA)
- Internet Services Providers’ Association (ISPA)
- Federation of Communication Services (FCS)
- Ofcom
- Openreach
- Plusnet
- Sky
- TalkTalk
- Virgin Media

INCA WG Schedule	Ofcom WG Schedule
Tue 15 Nov 21 14:00 – 15:00	Wed 24 Nov 21 14:00 – 16:00
Below tbc subject to Ofcom schedule	Confirmation of below awaited
Tue 30 Nov 21 14:00 – 15:00	Wed 8 Dec 21 15:00 – 17:00
skip	Wed 5 Jan 22 15:00 – 17:00
Tue 18 Jan 22 14:00 – 15:00	Wed 26 Jan 22 15:00 – 17:00
Tue 8 Feb 22 14:00 – 15:00	Wed 16 Feb 22 15:00 – 17:00

Can we change to 14:30 – 15:30?

Fundamental choice

- Tiers based on metrics
 - how to agree measurements for speed, reliability, sustainability?
(Approach previously rejected)
- Objective technology has inherent characteristics
 - e.g. Fibre is gigabit-capable (even if service is 100MB), more reliable, upgradable
 - Do you want to market as (e.g.) 5* vs 4* based on speed? Or differentiate Full Fibre from Part Fibre?

Do we need a CAMRF?

Ofcom WG mainly P&R

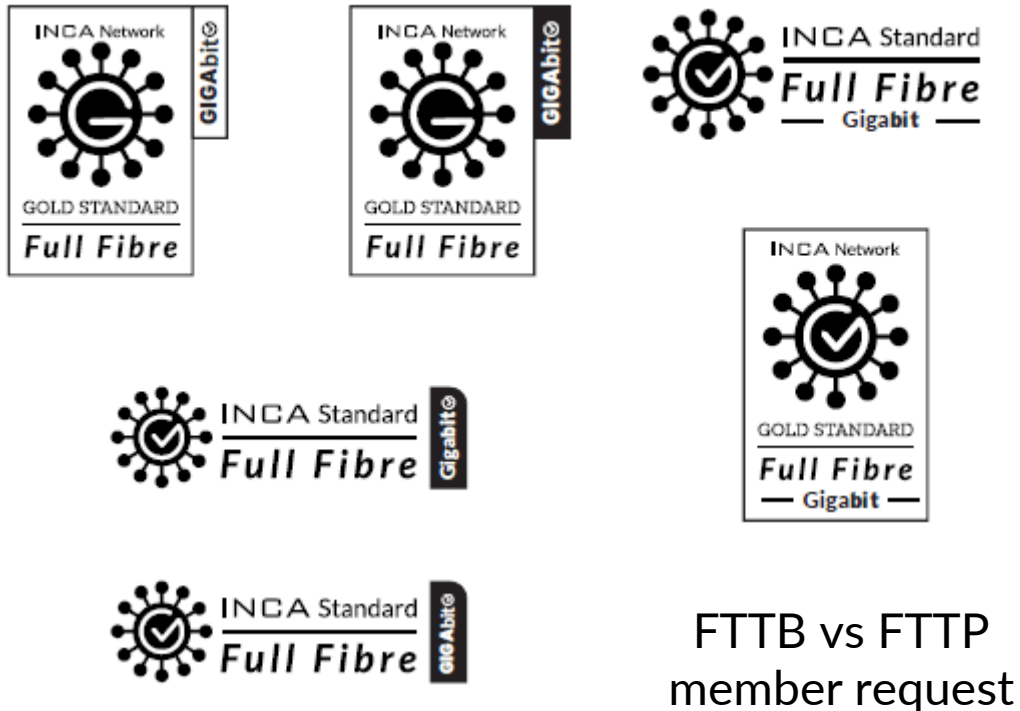
Use cases intended to communicate benefits of different connections (Tiers or Tech) to consumers to give them a reason to upgrade / adopt Gigabit-capable connections (the policy goal).

- illustrate what different broadband, speeds and technologies can deliver.
 - homemaker, casual browser, broadband hungry
 - browsing, gaming, file-sharing
 - what characteristics to focus on?







Gigabit-capable, FTTB/FTTP?

Need to know where depends on where Ofcom WG lands before finalising

Gigabit-capable (GigaTAG, BDUK)



Traffic Light

	INCA spider version	INCA tick version
FFTP 1GBps and over		
Hybrid (eg FTTC) below 1GBps		
connection with no rating		

- AOB
- DONZ:
 - Tue 30 Nov 21 14:30 – 15:30 **tbc**
 - (ahead of Ofcom's Wed 8 Dec 21 14:00 – 16:00 **tbc**)
- reference info [GigaTAG and Labelling | INCA](#)
- INCA Gold Standard [INCA Gold Standard Scheme | INCA](#)
- Ofcom WG [Ofcom Common Standards WG | INCA](#)
- email goldstandard@inca.coop