

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email, and apologies for our delay in getting back to you.

Please refer below for the answers to your FOI request:

1. Are you involved with supporting London's 5G rollout strategy?

As part of the GLA Group, OPDC is committed to supporting the implementation of the Mayor's aspiration to boost digital connectivity across the capital and tackle areas of poor coverage.

The OPDC Draft Local Plan (Policy EU11: Smart Technology) makes clear that development proposals will be supported where they directly provide and demonstrate in their design, the flexibility and adaptability to "ensure open access provision of wired and wireless broadband technologies delivering the highest speeds to provide a wide range of services."

OPDC's Draft Local Plan does not make specific reference to the delivery of 5G in order to futureproof the plan for long-term technological change. However, OPDC considers 5G broadband to be supported in its planning policies.

2. How many employees at your organisation are responsible for telecoms infrastructure?

The responsibility for telecoms infrastructure sits within the Delivery and Planning Directorates. There are currently three members of staff whose roles include the day-to-day policy and delivery work to support telecoms infrastructure. These responsibilities form part of workstreams seeking to support and/or deliver wider improvements within the OPDC area, however telecoms infrastructure and digital connectivity are important priorities and this work is fully supported by OPDC's senior management.

3. How many employees at your organisation are responsible for 5G?

Please see the response to question 2.

4. What is the current budget allocation for implementing 5G technology in 2019?

This answer cannot be provided due to confidentiality and commercial sensitivity.

5. What is the anticipated date for full 5G coverage in your organisation?

OPDC does not have a committed date for full 5G coverage.

6. Does a particular employee have ownership of 5G? If yes, who?

No. Please see the response to question 2.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

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