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# The Scotland 5G Centre

Wave 1 Project:

Infrastructure Deployment Accelerator



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#### Introduction

- 5G has a critical dependency on access to an increased volume of assets for network deployment. Those assets need to be understood and made seamlessly available
- The public sector can play an important role in building the 5G network. A mixture of complexity of process and new legislation has however resulted in a stand-off between the public and private sector that could negatively impact current 4G and in time 5G connectivity
- Led by Scottish Futures Trust, the Wave 1 project will create tools to help the two sides re-engage and open up the discussion about improving connectivity across Scotland

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### **Project Deliverables**

- The development of a national asset register that provides MNOs with relevant information on assets located across Scotland owned by a broad scope of organisations
- The development of rate card guidance that will build on the principles of the Electronic Communications Code
- Standardised agreement documents that will remove the need to negotiate standard terms and focus on the nuances of a site in question



### **Project Benefits**

- By standardising and simplifying front-end procedures, MNOs can plan their network in an effective way knowing the location, size and owner of the sites
  - The focus can then be on negotiating any exceptions to the standard terms rather than going through the whole process each time
- The fact of the public sector using these tools will send a clear signal to the market that the country and the respective organisations recognise the importance of connectivity to their area and their users
  - Encourage engagement and discussion that could lead to new opportunities and investment



## **Project Approach**

Stage 1
Stakeholder
Engagement
Evaluating the Status
Quo

Stage 2
Development of the tools

Stage 3
Production of the tools and the supporting material

Stage 4
Phased launch

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#### Stakeholders

- Scottish Government
- Local Authorities
- SG Agencies
- Infrastructure deployment companies
- Mobile network operators
- UK Digital Initiatives

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