

# High Speed Broadband for Edinburgh

Funding of £10.7m to bring 90% of Edinburgh residents and businesses high speed broadband by 2015 will be announced by the UK Government today.

The capital funding to be managed by the City of Edinburgh Council will enhance wireless zones in key streets, squares and parks, initially focused in the city centre. The project is part of the £100m of [Urban Broadband funding](#) set up by the Westminster government for their Super-Connected Initiative, which was announced in March.

The final '[Connected Capital](#)' plan for Edinburgh was submitted by the City of Edinburgh Council ahead of today's announcement.

The Council also [agreed to commit £1.9m of revenue funding](#) to deliver the programme at a meeting in April this year. Further funding and revenue streams will be sought to allow specific programme activities.



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Councillor Alasdair Rankin, Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee, said: "This is great news for Edinburgh. We knew the funding was coming but now the exact amount has been announced we can put our plans into action to make Edinburgh a super connected city.

"This project is a great example of the Capital Coalition's pledge to provide for economic growth and prosperity. I am

confident it will help Edinburgh to attract new jobs and investment, help unemployed people into work or learning and will greatly enhance our offering as a digitally inclusive city."

The Council is working with [stakeholders](#) across Edinburgh to develop the project.