

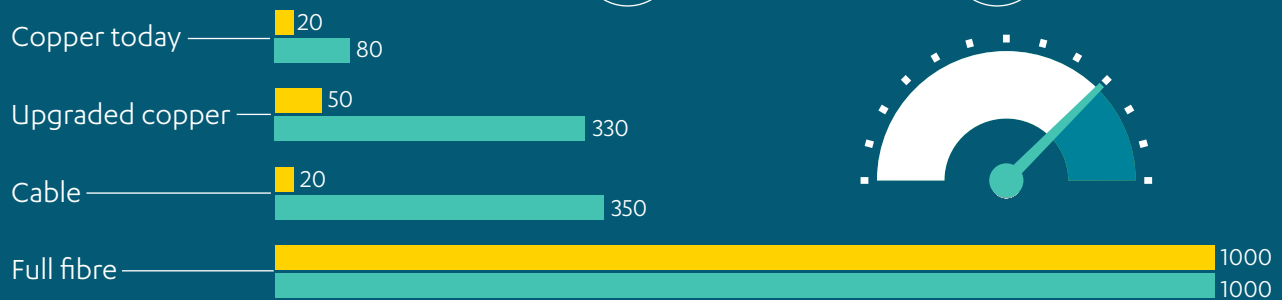
# A FULL FIBRE FUTURE

Digital services are increasingly important for growth, infrastructure, and quality of life.

The superfast broadband programme is coming to an end and full fibre is the next step

## Faster:

offering as much as 1,000 mbps



## More reliable:

fibre has 5 times fewer faults than copper connections



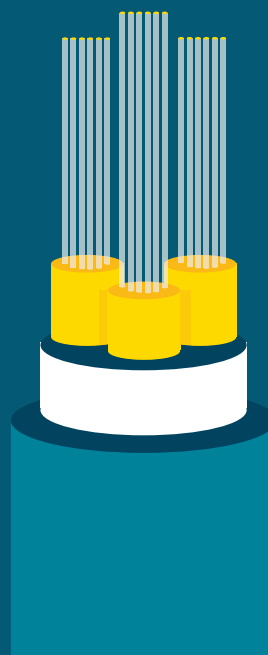
## Cheaper to run:

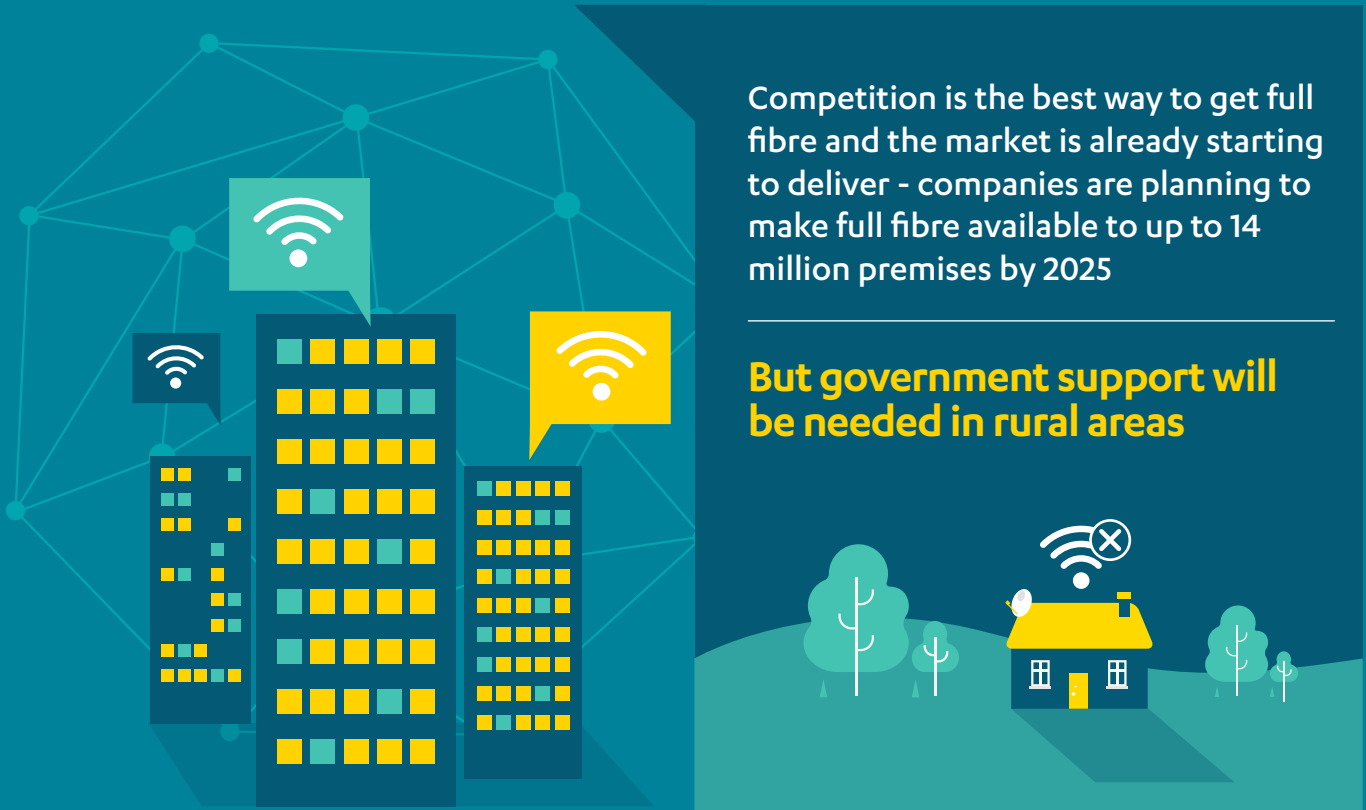
Fibre would save up to £5bn in operating costs over 30 years

The benefits will take time, as full fibre speeds are not yet needed, but delivery will take 10-20 years

## Investment must start now

to avoid being left behind





Competition is the best way to get full fibre and the market is already starting to deliver - companies are planning to make full fibre available to up to 14 million premises by 2025

**But government support will be needed in rural areas**

**THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS:**



A government strategy to deliver nationwide full fibre by 2033



Ofcom should promote network competition to drive the commercial roll-out of full fibre



Government support in rural areas starting by 2020



Measures aimed at cutting the costs of delivery



Allow for copper switch off by 2025