**Press information**



# Spitfire warns SuperConnected Cities scheme coming to an end

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Spitfire, the multi-award winning internet telephony service provider and ISP, reports that the government backed SuperConnected Cities (SCC) scheme, which has issued over 40,000 vouchers since the scheme began in December 2013, is now approaching its final phase. London has now closed the scheme to new online voucher applications. The preregistered process will remain open in London for existing agreed packages as per the wider national scheme and is accepting new vouchers for pre-approved bundles only. Spitfire is one of only 20 vendors pre-approved for applications under the SCC scheme.

This SCC scheme provides up to £3,000 towards business customer installation costs for Ethernet connections and is currently available to businesses in 50 towns and cities across the UK. The scheme is operated on a first-come first-served basis with the Government fund due to run until March 2016 or until the fund is spent, whichever is the soonest. It is now anticipated that the fund will be exhausted by sometime in October 2015.

Spitfire can provide a range of Ethernet services to suit a customer's needs and budget. Pure Ethernet over fibre is a service any business that relies on its internet connection should consider. Flexible bandwidths of up to 10Gbps and symmetrical speed of 100Mbps with 99.9 percent uptime guaranteed are now available. As well as pure fibre Ethernet, EFM (Ethernet First Mile) is available in uncontended bandwidths up to 35Mb.

For Spitfire, Tom Fellowes, Sales Director commented, "The SuperConnected Cities scheme has been highly successful in making Ethernet connectivity available to British SME businesses, but it is clearly coming to an end. I would urge any businesses still considering taking advantage of the scheme to act now to secure a grant for a pre-approved bundle. We will do all we can to expedite applications, but at this stage there can be no guarantees."

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Spitfire Technology Group can supply a comprehensive service for customers that extends from designing and implementing a telephony and data communications network to providing line rental and call billing, with complete after sales technical support and customer service.

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