

20 Grant funding of remote working hubs

- 20.1** Remote working hubs are premises that offer shared facilities, services and supports for office workers, as an alternative to either working in a traditional office environment or working from home.
- 20.2** In 2018, the DigiWest Hub project was initiated to connect several existing rural remote working hubs across Roscommon, Donegal, Mayo and Sligo. The project was funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht (the Department) and managed by the Western Development Commission (WDC) in collaboration with the respective local authorities.¹ Separate to the DigiWest Hub project, Údarás na Gaeltachta was operating several remote working hubs in Gaeltacht areas of Galway and Donegal, prior to 2021.²
- 20.3** The national policy on rural development 2021 – 2025, includes a commitment to establish a national network of 400 remote working hubs by the end of 2025.³ In 2021, the DigiWest Hub project was expanded to form the basis for a national network of remote working hubs, referred to as the Connected Hubs network.

Focus of the examination

- 20.4** This examination was undertaken to review the compliance with the funding framework in place for the delivery and operation of remote working hubs.
- 20.5** The examination team met with staff from the Department, the WDC and Údarás na Gaeltachta, reviewed relevant documentation and visited a sample of ten remote working hubs as part of the examination.

¹ The Western Development Commission is a statutory agency operating under the aegis of the Department.

² Údarás na Gaeltachta is the State development agency with responsibility for the economic, social and cultural development of Ireland's Gaeltacht (Irish-language speaking) regions.

³ [Our Rural Future: Rural Development Policy 2021 – 2025](#).

⁴ The questions relate to matters such as hub type, ownership model, employee numbers, IT facilities, broadband service, etc.

Connected Hubs network

- 20.6** The Connected Hubs project is managed by the WDC in conjunction with the Department. As at mid-August 2025, it brings 392 individual hubs together under a shared brand, with the aim of maximising the potential benefits of a national remote working network. Neither the Department nor the WDC have any role in the building, management or day-to-day operation of the individual hubs on the network.
- 20.7** Hubs wishing to join the Connected Hubs network are asked to complete a series of questions online.⁴ The WDC then engages directly with the hub to ensure that all requirements of network membership are met, and that quality control is maintained. If a hub is deemed not to be ready for network membership, the WDC supports the hub in implementing necessary improvements to reach the required standard.

20.8 A five-category framework for hubs, developed by the WDC, classifies the hubs in terms of additional facilities offered (see Figure 20.1).

- **Research and development hub** — supports early research and development stages for new products and services with additional access to laboratories, etc.
- **Enterprise hub** — supports start-ups and may host events to connect entrepreneurs.
- **Scaling hub** — supports post start-ups through the scaling and investment stages, to achieve growth and export development. May host global entrepreneurship events and programmes.
- **Co-working hub** — provides private offices, desks, meeting rooms and event spaces but not business support.
- **Community and enterprise hub** — provides community services, while also offering office space, hot/dedicated desks and meeting rooms, providing an income for the community.

1 The Department provided €2.9 million in operational funding to the WDC to manage the network and operate the online platform between 2021 and 2024.

2 When making a booking, users have the option to pay with a credit or debit card, Apple Pay or Google Pay.

3 Just over one-third of the hubs on the network have chosen not to avail of the platform's centralised booking facility. In those cases, all bookings and payments must be made directly with the hubs.

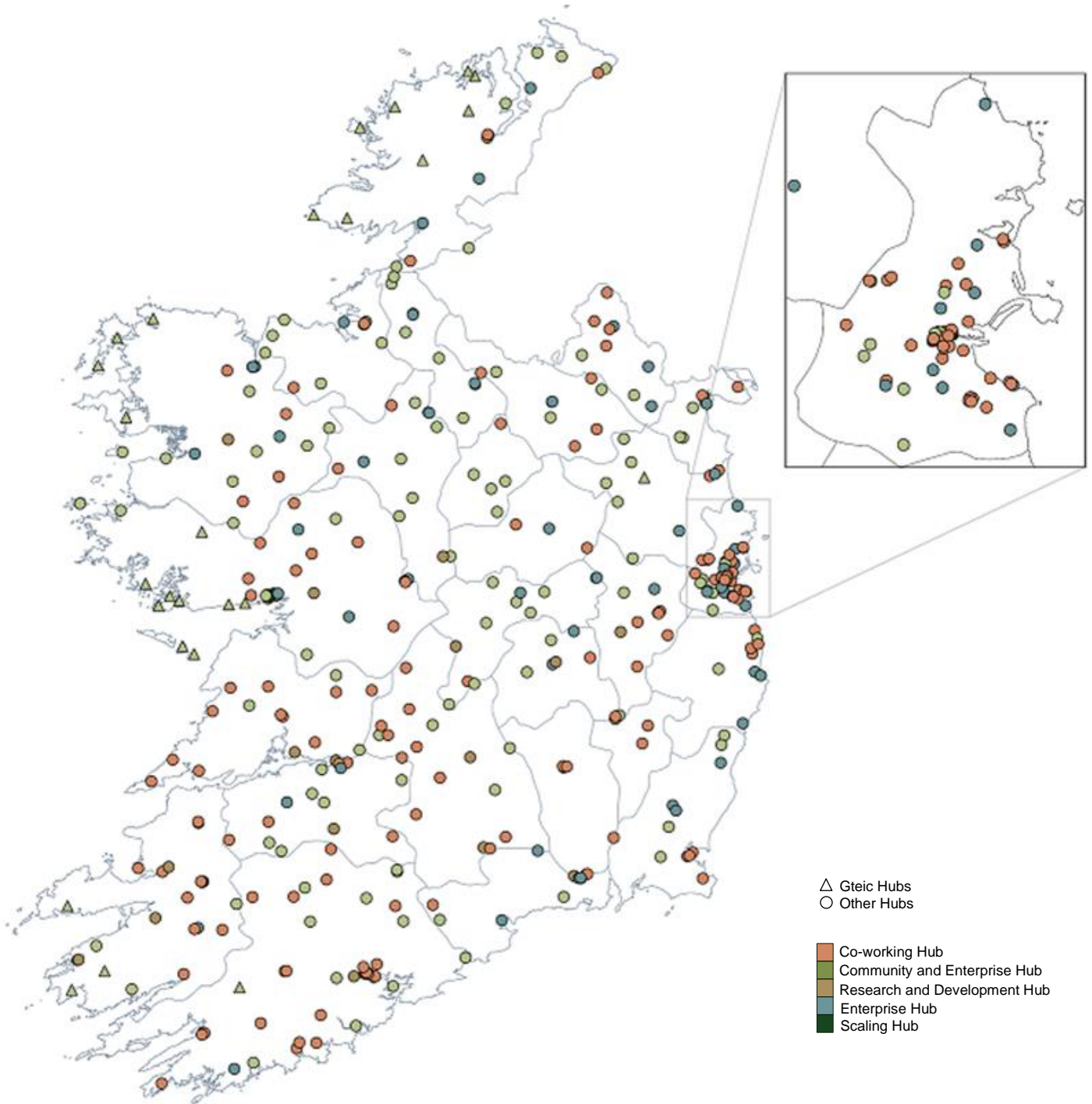
4 The five gteic hubs that operate outside of the Connected Hubs network are located in An Clochán Liath, Gaoth Sáile, Árainn, Oileán Cléire and Rath Cairn.

20.9 The connectedhubs.ie online platform, launched in May 2021, is managed by the WDC.¹ The platform provides a centralised system for remote workers to search, book and pay online for the various remote working services in the hubs on the network.² Users of hubs can generally also book and pay for use of facilities directly with the hubs.³

20.10 The WDC records the overall number of bookings made through the Connected Hubs platform and reports this figure fortnightly to the Department. It does not report on platform bookings by hub location, and it does not record or report on bookings made outside of the platform.

20.11 The Connected Hubs network includes 26 gteic (or Gréasán Digiteach na Gaeltachta) hubs in Gaeltacht regions. There are five other gteic hubs that operate outside of the Connected Hubs network. Údarás na Gaeltachta stated that it is in the process of recruiting a dedicated team to manage the gteic hubs.⁴

Figure 20.1 Connected Hubs network locations as at August 2025



Source: Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht

Capital support schemes

- 20.12** The Department operates several capital support schemes which include the development of remote-working facilities among the range of items eligible for support.
- The Town and Village Renewal Scheme was introduced in 2016 with the overall aim of rejuvenating Ireland’s towns and villages and is managed by local authorities on behalf of the Department. Projects funded have included bringing vacant dwellings back into use as multi-purpose community spaces providing remote working facilities.
 - The Rural Regeneration and Development Fund is a commitment to invest €1 billion in rural Ireland over the 2019 – 2027 period. The fund invests in strategic projects that support job creation and address depopulation of rural communities.
 - The LEADER programme supports private enterprises and community groups that improve quality of life and economic activity in rural areas. The programme is delivered via local action groups in 28 sub-regional areas across the country.¹
- 20.13** Figure 20.2 sets out the funding allocations from 2020 to 2024 across the Department’s ongoing capital schemes for projects that included a remote working facility.
- 20.14** Many of the projects funded under the schemes are wide-ranging and multifunctional, encompassing multiple services (e.g. youth centre, community centre, remote working facilities) within the same facility. As a result, the Department has stated that it is not possible to determine expenditure amounts relating specifically to the development of remote working facilities.

Figure 20.2 Funding allocations for capital projects including a remote working element, 2020 – 2024

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total	Total number of projects
	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m	
Town and Village Renewal Scheme ^a	2.5	7.7	3.2	—	—	13.4	88
Rural Regeneration and Development Fund ^b	6.0	39.2	88.3	—	87.8	221.3	65
LEADER programme	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.1	—	1.9	30
Total	9.2	47.5	92.0	0.1	87.8	236.6	183

Source: Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht

Notes: a None of the projects funded under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme in 2023 included a remote working facility. There was no funding call under the Scheme in 2024.

b There was no funding call in 2023 under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund.

¹ Local action groups typically include both public and private partners. Group members may include local authority elected members and officials, business interests, representatives from the community and voluntary sector, and farming interests, etc.

Funding for Connected Hubs

- 20.15** This examination focussed on the analysis of a dedicated funding initiative, under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme, to support the development of additional remote work capacity.

First call for applications

- 20.16** In April 2021, the Department launched a call for funding applications, with a budget of €5 million, to support the creation of additional remote working capacity and to improve and enhance existing facilities and services.¹ The funding call was open to all existing hubs and broadband connection points (BCPs).²
- 20.17** Capital funding was available for eligible works including the expansion of hubs, and the installation of privacy booths, access control and security systems. Other eligible activities included the conversion of existing open plan space to modular offices, and the provision of enhanced audio visual, networking and conferencing facilities. Grants also funded measures to assist hubs with Covid-19 related challenges.
- 20.18** The minimum grant available per hub/BCP was €10,000. The maximum grant for a project relating to an individual hub/BCP was €75,000. For multi-hub applications relating to five or more hubs, the maximum grant was €250,000.
- 20.19** The budget was subsequently increased and ultimately a total of nearly €9 million in funding was awarded to 118 applicants.

Second call for applications

- 20.20** In February 2022, the Department launched a second funding call, with a budget of €5 million, to support the further development of the Connected Hubs network. The scope of eligible works was similar to that for the 2021 call with a small number of additional items such as the provision of podcast studios.
- 20.21** Hubs that had received funding under the 2021 call, but where the works had not yet been completed, were not eligible for funding in the 2022 call. In total, the Department allocated funding of €5.1 million to 81 applicants.
- 20.22** For both funding calls, the Department encouraged applicants, where possible, to identify opportunities to deliver projects or works of a similar nature across multiple hubs/BCPs. For the 2022 call, multi-hub applications were required to include a minimum of three hubs or BCPs and a maximum of five hubs or BCPs. The grant limits that applied for the 2022 call are set out in Figure 20.3.

¹ Existing remote working hubs were required to be in operation for at least six months, unless exceptional circumstances were notified to the Department. Projects seeking funding for building new hubs or the regeneration of derelict or vacant buildings as hubs were directed to apply to the main Town and Village Renewal Scheme or the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund.

² BCPs are publicly accessible sites which have been selected by local authorities to receive high-speed connectivity under the National Broadband Plan in areas that do not have adequate broadband services. BCPs complement the hubs by providing the necessary connectivity for people to work from rural locations. Some hubs are collocated with BCPs or situated very near to them.

Figure 20.3 Grant limits for 2022 Connected Hubs call

Number of hubs	Grant amount	
	Minimum	Maximum
One	€10,000	€75,000
Three	€30,000	€200,000
Four	€40,000	€225,000
Five	€50,000	€250,000

Source: Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht

Funding agreement

20.23 Under both calls, funding was made available to recipients in two tranches. The first payment, amounting to 80% of the total award, issued on return by the recipient of a signed funding agreement with the Department. The final 20% was payable on receipt of required project completion documentation.¹

20.24 Commercial/for-profit hubs were required to provide 10% matched funding in the form of a cash contribution. Those hubs also had to provide a separate contribution, termed a 'community dividend', to the value of 25% of the approved grant over three years. The community dividend could take the form of discounted or cost-free use of hubs by social enterprises or students from local communities.

20.25 Other hubs (i.e. those classed as social enterprise or not-for-profit hubs) were required to provide 10% matched funding, at least half of which had to be a cash contribution.

20.26 The funding agreement stipulated that the lead party to the application will maintain an accurate account of the value of any capital or other expenditure incurred on the project, and separate accounts in relation to the public funds provided.² The agreement also provides that the lead party will collect indicators/metrics regarding project delivery on an ongoing basis, if requested by the Department, and make such data available to the Department.

20.27 The examination team selected a representative sample of ten remote working hubs for review that had received funding under one or both Connected Hubs calls in 2021 and 2022.³

20.28 In all cases, the examination found that the funding application submitted adequately specified the works to be completed and the associated costings; and that a satisfactory evaluation document was completed by the Department. There was also a signed funding agreement in all cases specifying the maximum funding allocated and the terms and conditions of funding.

¹ The project completion report required recipients to provide details of all individual invoices paid, but they were not required to submit the invoices. Recipients were instructed to retain invoices on file for inspection and audit purposes.

² Under the funding agreement, the 'lead party' to the successful application assumes full responsibility for the overall conduct of the project generally and in particular for ensuring compliance with funding terms and conditions. Any other parties to the successful application, termed 'associated parties', must also sign the funding agreement.

³ The sample represented a mix in terms of hub sizes, ownership types and operating models, listed in Annex 20A.

Controls over funding finalisation

- 20.29** On completion of the work, the lead party was required to submit a project completion report containing
- an overview of the project
 - a list of the project elements delivered
 - a list of relevant invoice numbers
 - confirmation of project completion
 - photographic evidence of how funding has been applied¹, and
 - final project costs.
- 20.30** The original invoices were to be retained by the recipient for inspection and audit purposes. The funding agreement notes that all funded projects are subject to potential audit by the Department, the Local Government Audit Service, the Comptroller and Auditor General or other appropriately authorised bodies for a period of six years from the date of project completion.
- 20.31** In accordance with the funding agreement, the Department or its agents may conduct site visits as part of its audit and compliance functions, which may not be notified in advance. The Department informed the examination team that it carried out 22 site visits in respect of the 2021 call to check that projects were progressing in line with funding conditions. Invoices were not inspected, and project expenditure was not vouched during those visits.
- 20.32** In all the sample cases reviewed, the examination team confirmed that a project completion report was submitted containing all required elements with one exception. One of the sample of ten hubs funded under the 2021 call did not have photographic evidence submitted with the project completion report.

Clawback mechanisms

- 20.33** The funding agreement sets out that projects are expected to start and finish in line with set timelines. Otherwise, the Department may de-commit funding allocated where the project is not completed within the specified time and where the Department's express agreement to extend the funding arrangement was not obtained in advance.
- 20.34** Six (of 118) projects approved under the 2021 call and two (of 81) approved under the 2022 call did not ultimately proceed. The Department recouped all the funding (€407,000) that it had provided in respect of those projects. A further €384,000 across both calls was returned by projects for various reasons e.g. items came in under budget or aspects of the project did not proceed.
- 20.35** From the sample of ten hubs selected for review, the examination team noted one instance where the Department informed the lead party, a local authority, that grant funding would be withdrawn. The site in question had been included as the main element of a six-location multi-hub application. The application resulted in a commitment of €250,000 in grant funding under the 2021 call, with the project due to be complete by the end of December 2021.²

¹ While the required information remained largely the same, the format of the template project completion report changed between the 2021 and 2022 calls. The 2021 template stated that photographic evidence should be appended. The 2022 template did not specify that photographic evidence was required.

² The other elements of the multi-hub application were four BCP sites and one remote working hub.

20.36 The multi-hub application appears to diverge in some respects from what might be expected under the scheme.

- Given the Department's preference for multi-hub applications to include projects or works of a similar nature, it may be expected that the cost breakdown between the hubs/BCPs would be roughly equal. In fact, the site selected by the examination team accounted for €220,000 (73%) of the total cost of €302,000 for the six hubs.¹
- While the works at the other five hubs/BCPs within the application were relatively minor (e.g. furniture, partitions, audio visual equipment, IT hardware etc.), significant construction work was envisaged at the site selected by the examination team.

20.37 The Department has stated that the conditions of the funding scheme did not preclude a multi-hub application being weighted in favour of one hub/BCP. It stated that the decision to fund this project was taken with due regard to the benefit it would bring to this particularly remote rural and disadvantaged area in the Northwest.

20.38 In accordance with the standard payment arrangements, 80% (€200,000) of the overall multi-hub funding was paid by the Department in August 2021, on receipt of the signed funding agreement, with the remaining 20% (€50,000) due on project completion. The Department's monitoring of the project delivery included the following.

- The Department has stated that it carried out site visits to three of the six locations (including the main site) within the multi-hub project on 5 November 2021. However, it stated that no report had been prepared by the officials undertaking the visits.
- In a November 2021 progress report to the Department, the local authority reported that the overall multi-hub project was 25% complete. The estimated completion date at that time was the end of March 2022. The Department agreed to extend the project completion date to 31 March 2022.
- In March 2022, the local authority informed the Department that none of the funding received for the main site within the project had been spent and that a large element of the work at that site would not be complete by the end of March 2022. The estimated overall cost for that site had also increased significantly (from €220,000 to nearly €350,000) — the local authority and Údarás na Gaeltachta (an associated party for the project) committed to funding the additional expenditure.
- In response, the Department notified the local authority that funding was to be withdrawn for the site in question, as the project had not commenced and would not be completed on time or within budget. The Department simultaneously requested that the 80% funding already provided be repaid.
- In May 2022, following representations from the local authority and Údarás na Gaeltachta, the Department agreed to reinstate the funding and extend the project completion date for the site in question to 31 December 2022. The project was completed before that extended deadline. The shortfall in overall funding was jointly borne by the local authority and Údarás na Gaeltachta.

¹ The grant approved under the 2021 call was for €250,000 of the €302,000 project cost. The remaining project cost was to be covered by the lead party (the local authority) and an associated party (Údarás na Gaeltachta).

- 20.39** One of the conditions in the funding agreement signed by the local authority and the associated parties was that the recipient must commit to membership of the Connected Hubs network for a minimum of three years following release of the final payment. However, the examination found that the site in question was not added to the network on completion. It was added to the network in August 2025.

Controls to avoid double funding

- 20.40** As funding for the development of remote working facilities is potentially available under several schemes, it is important for the Department to implement controls to avoid double funding.
- 20.41** There appears to be a particular risk of overlap between the Town and Village Renewal Scheme and the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund, as both apply to towns and villages with a population of less than 10,000.
- 20.42** The funding agreement for both Connected Hub calls state that the lead party to the application is fully responsible for ensuring that projects are not double funded i.e. costs for the same activity (or development) cannot be funded twice from any source, either public or private. Any funding received in such circumstances must be repaid to the Department.

- 20.43** The Department has stated that it has implemented several controls to mitigate the risk of double funding across schemes including
- requiring grant recipients to maintain separate accounts for different funding programmes
 - requiring copies of invoices and payments made for expenditure funded
 - monitoring adherence to the terms of funding agreements.

In addition, it stated that the scope of audits and inspections includes verification checks to ensure that double funding has not occurred.

Purpose of funding

- 20.44** The funding agreements stated that the funds allocated are to be used solely for the activities set out in the project proposal. Should expenditure not be in line with intended purposes, all funding received will become repayable to the Department.
- 20.45** More generally, the calls for proposals in both 2021 and 2022 stipulated that noncompliance with funding conditions may result in partial or full clawback of grant payments.

Post-funding checks on projects

- 20.46** The funding agreements under both calls also required recipients to maintain their legal structure and purpose as set out in their governing document and to commit to membership of the Connected Hubs network for a minimum of three years following receipt of funding. Otherwise, funding may have to be repaid.

- 20.47** The Department stated that it verified compliance with funding conditions through a combination of desk-based reviews and on-site inspections. It stated that desk-based reviews were carried out in respect of all 112 projects completed under the 2021 call and all 79 projects completed under the 2022 call. No post-funding site inspections took place in relation to any of the projects funded under the 2021 call. Five site visits were carried out by the Department's Internal Audit Unit to projects funded under the 2022 call.
- 20.48** The Department's Inspection, Compliance and Business Development Unit is responsible for the inspection of national schemes.¹ The Unit's inspection plan for 2024 – 2026 provides for inspections across a range of schemes including Connected Hubs, the Town and Village Renewal Scheme and the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. The plan notes that LEADER inspections will always be prioritised due to an EU regulatory requirement for spot checks on that programme.
- 20.49** Under the 2024 – 2026 plan, inspections of Connected Hubs were scheduled to take place during quarter 1 of 2025. The Department stated that the Unit's review of the Connected Hubs funding call is at the initial scoping stage. The first site inspections took place during August 2025 as part of the scoping exercise.
- 20.50** None of the sample of ten hubs visited as part of this examination indicated that they had ever been subject to an audit or site visit from the Department or any other entity to check their continued compliance with scheme conditions.

Internal audit report

- 20.51** The examination team reviewed the findings of a 2023 report by the Department's Internal Audit Unit related to the 2022 Connected Hubs funding call, assessing the adequacy of controls implemented by the Department. Five applications that had received funding were reviewed by the internal auditors — two multi-hub applications and three for single hubs.
- 20.52** The report found the project documentation to be generally satisfactory but noted a risk of double funding on one of the five projects. Although it was a specific requirement of the funding agreement, a separate account had not been maintained by the recipient of how the Department's funding had been applied. The internal auditors recommended that the Department contact another specific funding body to establish whether a grant had been approved for the same project. The Department subsequently confirmed that it contacted the other funding body and satisfied itself that no double funding had occurred.
- 20.53** The internal audit report found that for four of the five projects reviewed, some of the expenditure had occurred after the scheme deadline.² The report recommended that the Department should consider taking action to recover all or part of the grant in those cases. However, the report's overall conclusion on this issue was that the timelines set for the funding call appear to have been too tight. As the applications were only approved in June 2022, grantees had less than six months to select suppliers, and have all works carried out, invoices paid, and facilities commissioned.

¹ The Inspection, Compliance and Business Unit was established in 2017. The inspection of Connected Hubs was incorporated into the Unit's inspection plan in April 2024.

² It was a condition of funding for projects under the 2022 Connected Hubs call that projects had to be fully completed with final reports submitted by 2 December 2022. For a project to be deemed fully complete, all invoices had to be paid.

- 20.54** The Department informed the examination team that it has reviewed the grant funding in each of the four cases highlighted by the internal auditors. Arising from the review, it is pursuing recovery of €39,305 from one local authority. The Department did not undertake any wider exercise to check whether invoice payment dates for remaining 74 projects fell outside scheme deadlines.
- 20.55** In response to a separate recommendation in the internal audit report, the Department agreed that in any future iterations of Connected Hubs funding calls, it should obtain copies of invoices from grant recipients prior to release of final payments.

Conclusions

- 20.56** The Department has a goal to establish a national network of 400 remote working hubs by the end of 2025. At present, there are 392 hubs registered on the Connected Hubs network. This includes 26 gteic hubs providing remote working and other facilities for people living and/or working in the Gaeltacht.
- 20.57** An online platform (connectedhubs.ie) managed by the WDC offers a central portal for users to search, book and pay for a range of remote working services in hubs on the network. However, a substantial proportion of the hubs do not utilise the platform for bookings. For those that use the platform, the level of services booked through the platform for individual hubs is not reported by the WDC. In addition, hub members typically accept direct bookings, which are not always recorded on the platform. Consequently, it is not possible to identify the utilisation of the hub network, or how that relates to the level of public funding provided.

Funding conditions

- 20.58** A coherent framework is required to ensure that funding is provided for defined purposes with clear conditions; double funding is avoided; effective post-project checks apply; and that safeguards are in place to protect State funding.
- 20.59** The examination team found that each of the Department's schemes supporting the development of remote working facilities had a clear purpose, as well as eligibility rules and funding conditions. Project documentation was found to be largely in order for the sample of ten hubs reviewed, although it was noted in one case that required photographic evidence of project completion had not been submitted.
- 20.60** The signed funding agreements for the Connected Hubs calls in 2021 and 2022 contained requirements to avoid double funding and included conditions that had to be satisfied (e.g. membership of Connected Hubs network, no change to legal structure and purpose) for three years beyond project completion.
- 20.61** The examination team found minimal evidence of checks carried out by the Department on whether recipients continued to satisfy eligibility conditions after project completion. The examination team found that one site completed in 2022 with substantial grant and other public funding had not been added to the network on completion. Following examination inquiries, the site was added to the Connected Hubs network in August 2025.

- 20.62** The funding conditions for the Connected Hubs calls specified several potential scenarios under which funding would be de-committed/repaid to the Department e.g. if projects were not completed on time or matched funding was not provided. In total, the Department recouped €791,000 across both calls in cases where projects did not proceed in whole or in part, or where items came in under budget.
- 20.63** The nature of one multi-hub application under the 2021 call reviewed by the examination team appeared to diverge from the general intention of the scheme. The call for proposals encouraged applicants to identify opportunities to include works of a similar nature within the same application. However, the works at one location were of a much larger scale than those at the other sites within the multi-hub application. The grant approved for that hub within the overall funding allocation far exceeded the maximum that would have applied had an application been submitted for that site alone. In response, the Department stated that the conditions of the funding scheme did not preclude a multi-hub application being weighted substantially in favour of one hub.

Internal audit

- 20.64** A 2023 internal audit found that for four of the five projects reviewed, some of the expenditure had occurred after the scheme deadline. The internal audit report concluded that the timelines set out by the Department for the scheme appear to have been too tight. Having reviewed the grant funding provided in the four projects, the Department is now pursuing recovery of €39,305 from one local authority. The Department did not undertake any wider exercise to check whether invoice payment dates for remaining 74 projects fell outside scheme deadlines.
- 20.65** In response to a separate recommendation in the internal audit report, the Department agreed that in any future iterations of Connected Hubs calls, it should obtain copies of invoices from grant recipients prior to release of final payments.

Annex 20A Remote working hub rates

Hub	Hot desk rates ^a			Notes
	Day	Week	Month	
Cootehill Digital Hub, Co Cavan	€24.39	N/a	N/a	Private pods can be booked at €24.39 per day.
eFermoy Centre, Co Cork	€15	€50	€200	A four-person meeting room is available to hot desk users at no additional charge.
gteic Gaoth Dobhair, Co Donegal	€15	€45	€150	Other hot desk rate options are available e.g. ten days over two-month period, €120. Meeting rooms of various sizes are available to hot desk users at no additional charge.
gteic Malinbeg, Co Donegal	€18	N/a	€200	One twelve-person and one 30-person meeting room can each be booked at €20 per hour.
M-Space, Malahide, Co Dublin	€35	N/a	N/a	Other hot desk rate options are available e.g. four day passes per month for €132 or eight day passes per month for €256. A four-person meeting room can be booked for 90 minutes (€50), half day (€95) or full day (€155).
Venture House, Crookstown, Co Kildare	€12.20	N/a	N/a	Daily rates are also available for dedicated desks (€20.33) and private pods (€28.46). Meeting rooms of various sizes can be booked at prices up to €150 per day.
Manor Fields, Adare, Co Limerick	€16.26	€65.04 ^b	N/a	Annual dedicated desks can be booked for a recurring monthly payment of €152.44. A twelve-person meeting room can be booked at €30 per hour.
Moneygall Community Hall, Co Offaly	€12.20	N/a	N/a	A two-person meeting room/study pod can be booked at €10 per hour.
The Spool Factory, Boyle, Co Roscommon	€20.33	N/a	N/a	Dedicated desks can also be booked at €20.33 per day. Meeting rooms of various sizes can be booked at prices up to €90 per day.
ACT Co-working Hub, Athlone, Co Westmeath	€12.20	€48.78	€178.86	Meeting rooms of various sizes can be booked at prices up to €120 per day.

Source: Connected Hubs online platform ([Connectedhubs.ie](https://connectedhubs.ie)), correct as at 19 September 2025

Notes: a All rates quoted exclude VAT. 'N/a' denotes that there was no rate for the relevant time period quoted on the [Connectedhubs.ie](https://connectedhubs.ie) site.

b The weekly rate shown for the Manor Fields Hub refers to a five-day flexi pass which can be used on any five days. The days need not be consecutive.

