

MP visits successful network facility

WEST Cornwall MP Andrew George made his first official visit to the Digital Peninsula Network centre recently – and heard how it is currently securing funding to proceed with its Objective One bid.

The application is looked upon as being the first phase of a larger scheme aimed at securing the long-term future of DPN – and funding is currently being sought from Penwith District Council, the Regional Development Agency, Cornwall County Council, BT and its 200 members.

Mr George, who visited the centre to celebrate the news of a multi-million pound project to bring broadband technology to Cornwall, was shown around the Penzance network facility by staff and committee members and viewed some of the websites currently being constructed.

Expressing his support for the aims of the network, Mr



George said: "Imagine Cornwall without a Digital Peninsula Network – you would have to invent one.

"There are many successful and potentially successful IT related companies in Cornwall. DPN has brought them together and enabled them to network with one another.

"As a result, their businesses and prospects have started to flourish. I am very pleased with the spirit of co-operation this network has established."

Speaking about the news that Penzance would be one of the

first telephone exchanges to be upgraded with ADSL broadband technology, Mr George added:

"This is an exciting project and will create further opportunities for Cornish businesses to access new markets. The project is also likely to create around a 1,000 new jobs through the growth of participating businesses, web design work, software development and support."

Pictured left to right are: William Wooldridge, Stuart Norfolk, Tim Dwelly, Martin Nixon and Andrew George MP.