

**Oldham Borough Council  
Record of Decision**



1. **TITLE:** Rough Sleeping Navigator Contract Award
2. **SERVICE AREA:** Economy Directorate
3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

Oldham Council, as part the Greater Manchester response to homelessness, is committed to continuing to deliver a Rough Sleeping Initiative (RSI) Navigator service until 31st March 2025. Upon confirmation of funding from Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) to facilitate this, an opportunity was advertised to procure a supplier for the continued delivery of the service to follow on from the end of the current provider's contract.

Following completion of a competitive process for the delivery of RSI Navigator services in Oldham from 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2025, Sanctuary Trust Limited has been assessed as having delivered the best quality bid. This report therefore seeks authorisation to award and enter into a contract with Sanctuary Trust Limited.

4. **DECISION MADE BY:** Director of Economy
5. **DECISION:**

RESOLVED - That: The contract be awarded to Sanctuary Trust Limited

6. **REASON FOR DECISION**

Option 1 - Award the RSI Navigator opportunity to and enter into a contract with Sanctuary Trust Limited (recommended): This is recommended to ensure the continued delivery of engagement and support provision for rough sleepers in Oldham.

Option 2. Do not award the opportunity and deliver in-house (not recommended): The Council has undertaken a competitive tender exercise, and to withdraw from this would have reputational implications. Additionally, there is not currently staffing capacity to deliver RSI Navigator services in-house at short notice.

Option 3. Do nothing (not recommended): This would have repercussions in terms of an increase in rough sleeping and reputational damage for the Council.

7. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

Option 2. Do not award the opportunity and deliver in-house (not recommended): The Council has undertaken a competitive tender exercise, and to withdraw from this would have reputational implications. Additionally, there is not currently staffing capacity to deliver RSI Navigator services in-house at short notice.

Option 3. Do nothing (not recommended): This would have repercussions in terms of an increase in rough sleeping and reputational damage for the Council.

8. **INTERESTS AND NATURE OF INTERESTS DECLARED**

NONE

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** Detailed in the report

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Rough Sleeping Navigator Contract Award