

Oldham Borough Council
Record of Decision



Key Decision	Work Programme Reference
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1. **TITLE:** Grid Connection Works for Wrigley Head Solar Farm

2. **SERVICE AREA:**

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To award a contract for works for the grid connection for Wrigley Head Solar Farm to Electricity North West Limited (ENWL), at a cost of circa £170K. Given the exclusive nature of this work and specialist provision from the Distribution Network Operation for North West England, this work needs exemption approval from the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

4. **DECISION MADE BY:** Cabinet Member - Finance and Corporate Resources

5. **DECISION:**

Option 2: to exempt the award of grid connection contracts to ENWL from the Council's CPRs. Under this option, both non-contestable and contestable works associated with the grid connection for the solar farm will be awarded to Electricity North West Limited (ENWL), the Distribution Network Operator for the region.

6. **REASON FOR DECISION**

Option 1: do not exempt the award of grid connection contracts to ENWL from the Council's CPRs. Under this option, the non-contestable element of grid connection works will be awarded to Electricity North West Limited (ENWL) and the contestable element of the works will need to be procured separately via an open competition process which ENWL will not participate in.

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7. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

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

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9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:**

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Grid Connection Works for Wrigley Head Solar Farm



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