

Oldham Borough Council  
Record of Decision



Key Decision	Work Programme Reference
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1. **TITLE:** Oldham Green New Deal Delivery Partnership - grant acceptance and appointment of consultants

2. Place Directorate

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To accept £1.3m grant funding from the DESNZ Local Net Zero Accelerator programme via GMCA;

To accept £30K grant funding from the Innovate UK Net Zero Living Pathfinder Places programme;

To appoint Ernst & Young to the role of Independent Assurance Provider to support the 15-year delivery programme, at a cost of circa £725K, £400K of which will be covered by the DESNZ grant funding and the remainder will be covered by contributions from the main Oldham Green New Deal Delivery Partner over the 15-year lifetime of the programme.

To appoint Womble Bond Dickinson as the Council's Legal advisors for both the Oldham Green New Deal Delivery Partnership (at a cost of £100K, to be funded from the DESNZ grant) and the Oldham Low Carbon Heat Network Commercialisation work (at a cost of £150K, to be funded from the Green Heat Network Fund grant)

To appoint Carbon Co-op and First Choice Homes Oldham to deliver specific aspects of the Oldham Green New Deal Delivery Partnership project, to be funded from the DESNZ grant.

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

5. **DECISION:**

RESOLVED - That:

Option 2 (preferred option) – accept the grant funding and appoint consultants. Under this option the work to establish a Green New Deal Delivery Partnership will progress.

6. **REASON FOR DECISION**

Option 1 – do not accept the grant funding and appoint consultants. Under this option, the work to establish a Green New Deal Delivery Partnership will not progress. There are significant reputational risks under this option as the work in Oldham is part of a wider GM programme. Additionally an alternative delivery route would have to be found for the heat network project which the Council has already accepted £8.7m in Green Heat Network Fund grant funding for.

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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:** DelegatedCabinetMemberKeyDecision\_OGNDDP\_final

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	01 May 2024	13 May 2024

1. **TITLE:**

2. **SERVICE AREA:**

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

4. **DECISION MADE BY:**

5. **DECISION:**

6. **REASON FOR DECISION**

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