

**Oldham Borough Council  
Record of Decision**



1. **TITLE:** Contract: IT Enterprise Architect Resource

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Finance and Resources

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

IT Services are delivering several key infrastructure projects. A critical gap exists in the architecture capacity, risking delays in strategic programmes. To alleviate these pressures and maintain momentum on high-priority projects, additional experienced resource is required.

Failure to secure this resource through a compliant route would jeopardise delivery and increase risks across multiple workstreams.

4. **DECISION MADE BY:** Cabinet Member - Finance, Corporate Services and Sustainability and Deputy Leader

5. **DECISION:**

RESOLVED - That:

Option 3 is recommended: to approve and enter into a new Call-Off Contract with AireLogic via the Crown Commercial Service (CCS) G-Cloud 14 Framework Agreement.

This enables continuity of a high-performing Enterprise Architect resource while providing time for internal service reviews and permanent recruitment.

6. **REASON FOR DECISION**

To alleviate pressures and to maintain momentum on high-priority projects, additional experienced resource is required. A failure to secure this resource through a compliant route would jeopardise delivery and increase risks across multiple workstreams.

7. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

Option 1: Recruit into the vacant role. Attempts have been unsuccessful due to skill shortages and uncompetitive salaries.

Option 2: Source a new contractor via open market – this would involve onboarding delays, knowledge gaps, and higher costs.

Option 3 (recommended option): Proceed with a new Call-Off Contract with AireLogic This ensures continuity, leverages existing knowledge of Council systems, and offers immediate delivery capacity.

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

None

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** Not applicable.

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Contract: IT Enterprise Architect Resource