

**Oldham Borough Council  
Record of Decision**



1. **TITLE:** Renewal of Silktide accessibility tool

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Customer Services

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

This report seeks approval for a total of £25,032 net (£30,038 inclusive of VAT) across 3 financial years for the renewal of the Silktide accessibility tool currently used to assess and identify accessibility issues on Council websites.

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

5. **DECISION:**

RESOLVED - That:

The renewal and continued use of Silktide so we can meet the legal requirement that our websites, mobile apps and any documents, plans and policies published online will meet the international WCAG 2.1 AA (soon to be WCAG 2.2 AA) accessibility standard.

6. **REASON FOR DECISION**

Not renewing Silktide - not renewing Silktide would hamper the councils efforts to meet the statutory accessibility requirements. Testing would have to be done manually on a page by page basis and solutions to each problem would need to be worked through by individual web team members. This would result in more, less productive Web Team time working on accessibility issues and create reputational risk.

7. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

Not alternative options were considered, as failure to renew would likely result in more, less productive Web Team time working on accessibility issues and create reputational risk.

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

None

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

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** DDR\_ Silktide Renewal\_ 18 September 2025.pdf