

Report to CABINET

Oldham Council (Non-LFFN) Sites

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Reason for Decision

This report follows on from the Oldham Council Local Full Fibre Network (LFFN) cabinet report (22.02.2022) which approved capital funding to deliver a LFFN Fibre network into 71 Oldham Council assets / buildings. This paper will provide costs for the 45 Non-LFFN (dubbed Oldham One) Council buildings deemed out of scope for the GM One LFFN project but will benefit from a more cost-effective network solution via the GM One contract.

Executive Summary

This information is contained in PART B of this report

Recommendations

It is the recommendation of this report that Oldham Council enter into a collaboration agreement with GMCA for the network provision to the non-LFFN (Oldham One) council sites via a three-year (with options for year 4 and 5) contract.

Oldham Council Non-LFFN Sites**1 Background**

- 1.1 This paper follows on from the Oldham Council Local Full Fibre Network (LFFN) cabinet report (22.02.2022) Please See Appendix 1. Which approved capital funding to deliver a LFFN Fibre network into 71 Oldham Council assets / buildings. This paper will provide costs for the 45 Non-LFFN (dubbed Oldham One) Council buildings deemed out of scope for the GM One LFFN project but will benefit from a more cost-effective network solution via the GM One contract.

2 Current Position

- 2.1 This information is contained in PART B of this report.

3 Options/Alternatives

- 3.1 Option A: Do nothing
Stay as we are and continue to have multiple network providers and pay increased costs
- 3.2 Option B: Sign up for GM's non-LFFN site provision

4 Preferred Option

- 4.1 Option B: Sign up for GM's non-LFFN site provision

5 Consultation

- 5.1 N/A

6 IT Services Comments

- 6.1 This information is contained in PART B of this report.

7 Financial Implications

- 7.1 This information is contained in PART B of this report.

8 Legal Implications

- 8.1 This information is contained in PART B of this report.

9 Procurement Implications

- 9.1 This information is contained in PART B of this report.

10 Equality Impact, including implications for Children and Young People

- 10.1 Yes (see Appendix 2 below)

11 Key Decision

- 11.1 Yes

12 **Key Decision Reference**

12.1 FCR-03-25

13 **Background Papers**

13.1 None

14 **Appendices**

14.1 Appendix 1 – Oldham Council Local Full Fibre Network (LFFN) cabinet Report
(22.02.2022)

This information is contained in PART B of this report

14.2 Appendix 2 – Equality Impact Assessment for Oldham Council non-LFFN Sites

14.3 Appendix 3 – GMCA report 25th October 2024, Greater Manchester One Network
Connectivity Partner Procurement

This information is contained in PART B of this report