

RECORD OF INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE DECISION MADE BY AN OFFICER

Decision Maker	Decision Type	Date
Neil Consterdine, Director of Communities	Administrative Decision	14 November 2025

Heat Network Early Works – appointment of 3DTD consultants

Exempt/Confidential Report		No
Key Decision ¹	Yes	

Decision (s) ²

To appoint 3DTD consultants to deliver RIBA Stages 3, 4, 5 and 6 design for the proposed Town Centre Heat Network Early Works, to be funded from the Council's £7.8m Green Heat Network Fund Construction Grant.

The value of the appointment is £679,595.12 inclusive of Bloom 5% fee and VAT. The value of this appointment makes it a Key Decision. The Cabinet report of 26 February 2024 delegates authority to the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) to make this appointment.

Reasons for the decision(s)³

If the heat network project is to meet the required timescales in terms of having a RIBA Stages 3, 4, 5 and 6 design specifically for the proposed Early Works ready for the procurement of a heat network pipe delivery contractor, who will need to be appointed to start work early in calendar year 2026 to work alongside the Council's appointed town centre civil engineering contractor, the Council will need to appoint consultants to develop

¹ If the decision is Key Please use Key Decision Template.

² Brief details of the decision should be inserted. This note must set out the substance of the decision, options considered and the reason for deciding on the chosen option, although care must be taken not to disclose any confidential or exempt information. Please include proposed timescales for commencement and / or completion of implementation as appropriate.

³ Reasons for the decision must be given.



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the RIBA Stages 3-6 design immediately. To this end, the Council intends to directly appoint 3DTD consultants via the Bloom framework to commence the detailed design work as soon as possible.

Options/Alternatives considered ⁴

Option 1 (recommended option) – approve the appointment of 3DTD to deliver RIBA Stages 3 / 4 / 5 / 6 design services for the Low Carbon Heat Network Early Works. Under this option, the detailed designs should be complete and available for the procurement of a heat network piping delivery contractor to work alongside the Council’s appointed civil engineering contractor for the Oldham Town Centre regeneration works.

Option 2 – Do not approve the appointment of 3DTD to deliver RIBA Stages 3 / 4 / 5 / 6 design services for the Low Carbon Heat Network Early Works. Under this option, the Low Carbon Heat Network Early Works will not proceed and the Council’s appointed heat network delivery partner (expected in summer 2027) will need to re-excavate highways and other town centre public realm to install heat network infrastructure at that time. **Conflict of Interest declared⁵**

Neil Consterdine

(Director of Communities)

Cllr Abdul Jabbar, Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate Services and Sustainability

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(In consultation with relevant Cabinet Member if required)

Decision made pursuant to:

⁴ Options must be given.

⁵ If none, please state none. No Member having a disclosable pecuniary interest or officer having an interest in any matter (whether pecuniary or otherwise required to be declared) should take a decision in relation to that matter. Other interests of a non-disqualifying nature should be recorded here. Any dispensation in place in relation to the matter should also be recorded here. This may include other elected Members, officers, stakeholders and the local community.

- a) **General delegation under the Council's officer scheme of delegation.**