

RECORD OF INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE DECISION MADE BY AN OFFICER

Decision Maker	Decision Type	Date
Emma Barton	Non-key	6th August 2026

ACE Extension Grant 2027-28

Exempt/Confidential Report		No
Key Decision ¹		No

Decision (s) ² Accept the grant offer

Reasons for the decision(s)³

To approve the acceptance of £49,968 funding from The National Archives – Archives Revealed Cataloguing Grant to deliver the ‘Headliners: Revealing Real Life Through the Oldham Chronicle’ project. There is no cash match fund requirement. £30,200 of match-fund-in-kind has been identified from core Oldham Archives resource (including staff time for project admin and event spaces) to support the delivery of this project.

Options/Alternatives considered ⁴

1. Option 1: Accept the £49,968 National Archives – Archives Revealed Funding

Accept the £49,968 National Archives – Archives Revealed Cataloguing Grant with match-fund-in-kind commitment. This option enables the Council to increase access to the Oldham Chronicle collection held at Oldham Archives and promote local heritage engagement amongst a broader range of residents supporting social cohesion and pride in place.

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.

⁴ Options must be given.

2. **Option 2: Decline the Funding**

Decline the National Archives funding and not proceed with the Headlines project. This would result in the loss of £49,968 external investment and associated opportunities for residents. It would limit the Council's ability to provide access to its archival collections, reduce heritage sector capacity, and miss the opportunity to embed community voice in heritage programming. It would leave the important Oldham Chronicle collection uncatalogued and difficult to access. In addition, this option carries a reputational risk for the Council, in relation to The National Archives.

Conflict of Interest declared⁵

none

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(Signature of Emma Barton, Deputy Chief Executive, Place)

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Decision made pursuant to:

a) General delegation under the Council's officer scheme of delegation. Non-contract decisions up to £250k.

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.

⁶ The signatory must be duly authorised by Executive Director to make a decision in accordance with the relevant sub-delegation scheme. It is not acceptable for the signature to be 'pp' for the authorised signatory.