Emergency Powers Decision Report

Active Oldham Strategic Partnership Agreement

Decision Maker: Chief Executive

Service Area: Highways & Engineering
Directorate: Environment
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Date of Decision: 2nd November 2026

1. Power to make the decision

The decision is being taken under the authorisation contained in Section 9C – Delegations to Specific Officers of Part 3 (Responsibility for Functions) of the Council Constitution for the Chief Executive to take any emergency decisions in respect of the Council's executive functions which cannot be delayed until the next Cabinet meeting.

2. Decision Sought

To seek approval to actively procure a highways construction Strategic Partner and a Reserve Supplier to deliver Transport Capital Investment Programmes from 2027-2031 to the delivery of key capital civil engineering projects across Oldham of an accumulative total of up to £20m over a four-year term beginning in April 2027.

To approve the delegation of authority to the Deputy Chief Executive for Place in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Directorate, to award the Active Oldham Strategic Partnership Agreement (AOSPA) to the successful Bidder and award a Reserve Supplier Agreement to the second placed Bidder.

To delegate authority to the Director of Economy/Environment/Growth, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods and Director of Finance, to award the individual Call Off Orders for individual projects.

Finally, to delegate low value Call Off Orders (<£50K) under a direct award via the Assistant Director for Highways in consultation with Budget Holder and Finance Officer.

3. Reason for urgency

To ensure Oldham Council as suitably prepared to deliver Transport for City Region and other capital investment programmes from Spring 2027 onwards.

4. Risk(s) of not taking the decision

Likely delays relating to delivery of projects and potential loss of future investment in Oldham's infrastructure.

5. Financial impact if decision not taken forward

Reduction or withdrawal of capital investment on key infrastructure improvements.

6. Statutory Officer clearances

a. Section 151 Officer

Name Lee Walsh
Date 7 October 2026
Comments

The appointment of an Active Oldham Strategic Partner will facilitate the efficient procurement and delivery of Highway construction works within grant funding timescales. The total value of works procured through the framework is expected to be approximately £20m, subject to the level of grant funding secured. The procurement process will ensure the selection of the most economically advantageous tender, delivering value for money. The revenue costs associated with the tender exercise will be met from within the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement 1 (CRSTS1) external funding.

b. Monitoring Officer

Name: Alex Bougatef
Date: 13 October 2026
Comments:

The exercise of emergency powers should be undertaken in consultation with the Leader or Deputy Leader of the Council. However, the Council has not yet appointed a Leader or Deputy Leader for the current municipal year so it is not possible to consult them. In addition, there is no certainty about when a Leader or Deputy Leader will be appointed as the Council has failed at successive meetings to do so. For the reasons given in the report an urgent decision relating to the report is required and it cannot await the appointment of a Leader and Deputy Leader at some undetermined future date.