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.

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. In the absence of a strategic agreement, any funding secured will rely on individual procurement/delivery contracts – this is likely to slow down delivery of schemes and also impact the availability of external funding.

5. Financial impact if decision not taken forward

Reduction or withdrawal of capital investment on key infrastructure improvements – this is mainly in the form of grant funding and capital investment provided by central government through the city region as well as strategic partnership with United Utilities.

6. Statutory Officer clearances

a. Section 151 Officer

Name
Date
Comments

b. Monitoring Officer

Name
Date
Comments