



## Operational Officer Decision Record

Where the decision has a financial value of between £100k - £350k and does not have a **significant** impact on two or more wards

**1. Subject and details of the matter** (to include reasons for the decision and detail of any previous cabinet decision)

Grant funding of around £2.9 million pounds from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) as managed by Salix, was accepted by NELC in February 2021. The purpose of the funding was to improve energy efficiency in NELC owned non-domestic buildings and Beacon Academy, including design, engineering, construction and project management cost. All works funded by this grant opportunity requires completion by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

17/02/2021, Schools Capital Programme which captured the funding for energy improvements to a Local Authority school, Beacon Academy.

### 2. Decision being taken

To award the successful tender to complete works to the Beacon Academy to Rudkins Ltd to include the following works:

Replacement Ceilings and Lightings throughout the school site which is compliant with both with agreed grant funding allocation, quality requirements, and was evaluated as the Most Economically Advantageous Tender.

The total value of the works is: £257,271.00

### 3. Anticipated outcome(s)/benefits

Completed energy efficiencies to Beacon Academy will contribute to making this a carbon neutral site in line with the Council's Local Climate Ambitions and also deliver a saving to energy cost for the heating of the building and the energy costs.

**4. Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer when making the decision**

Abort the scheme. This would not deliver any energy savings to this building and would require the Council to return awarded grant funding to the provider.

**5. Background documents considered** (web link to be included or copies of documents for publishing)

Cabinet Report

<https://democracy.nelincs.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/4.-Schools-Capital-Programme.pdf>

**6. Does the taking of the decision include consideration of Exempt information? If yes, specify the relevant paragraph of Schedule 12A and the reasons**

no

**7. Details of any conflict of interest declared by any Cabinet Member who was consulted by the officer which relates to the decision (in respect of any declared conflict of interest, please provide a note of dispensation granted by the Council's Chief Executive)**

none

**8. Monitoring Officer Comments (Monitoring Officer or nominee)**

The decision to award the contract is consistent with the Cabinet decision and delegations dated 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021. The procurement exercise has been conducted so as to comply with the Council's policy and legal obligations, specifically in compliance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and the Public Contracts Regulations 2015

**9. Section 151 Officer Comments (Deputy S151 Officer or nominee)**

The cost of the works will be funded entirely through external grant. Whilst the Council is the accountable body, the receipt of the grant funding does not bring any significant financial risk. The scheme is already incorporated within the Council's approved Capital investment Programme

**10. Human Resource Comments (Head of People and Culture or nominee)**

There are no direct HR implications.

**11. Risk Assessment (in accordance with the Report Writing Guide)**

There is a reputational risk to the Council should we be seen to not be able to deliver energy improvement works, leading to a requirement to return grant funding

**12. If the decision links to a previous one taken by Cabinet, has the Cabinet Tracker been updated?**

Yes

**13. Decision Maker(s):**

Name: Lisa Arthey

Title: Director Children's Services

Signed: REDACTED

Dated: 13.08.2021

**14. Consultation carried out with Portfolio Holder(s):**

Name: Councillor Ian Lindley

Title: Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Skills

Signed: REDACTED

Dated: 12/08/2021