



## 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)

Approval is sought to award a contract for the installation of Solar and battery storage to Beacon Academy Main Building and SEN Block Roofs as part of the Decarbonisation Salix Grant scheme.

On the 17 February 2021 Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Skills seeking authority to approve a rolling programme of capital works for the local authority's Schools Condition and Basic Need Government Grant allocations within the Council's school estate.

It was agreed under Cabinet Decision DN.105 the following recommendations to be undertaken:

1. That authority be delegated to the Director for Children's Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Skills, to:
  - a. Implement the rolling programme of identified highest priority works within the Schools Capital Maintenance Programme.
  - b. Implement the programme of new pupil places schemes to ensure that the local authority has sufficient and suitable school places to meet its statutory responsibility in accordance with the Education Act.
  - c. Subject to governance, further explore the Decarbonisation Salix Grant bidding opportunity (which if successful will enhance and further support an identified Basic Need scheme at Beacon Academy to create an additional 100 secondary places within the Cleethorpes area in the first instance), to submit a bid and if successful settle any award documentation.
2. That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director Law, Governance and Assets to execute any documentation arising from the above recommendations.

**2. Decision being taken**

The Solar and battery storage works were previously tendered as a combined package, to include ground source heat pump installation. No tender responses were received due to the time constraints for delivery in line with the grant funding requirements. As part of the Salix funding a number of other tenders have been carried out for the installation of Solar PV Panels on other NELC buildings. Again, no responses were received due to the time constraints and the scale of works being financially unviable to the contractors concerned (too low in value).

Costs for the required works have been obtained from the tenderer U Energy Limited, who was compliant and was evaluated as the Most Economically Advantageous Tender for Beacon Academy House, who are currently on site at the school. U Energy Limited currently have the resource and materials to deliver the works within the required timescale.

U Energy Limited have recently gone through the Salix project procurement process for an existing contract and are known to have the required Public Indemnity and Liability Insurances in place and have also met required quality standards.

Enquiries have confirmed that U Energy Limited is the only contractor who has panels available to be delivered on Monday 23 August 2021 and can complete the works within the time constraints of the grant funding.

The total value of works is £243,496.00. An exception to the Councils contract procedure rules has been sought.

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

Completed energy efficiencies to Beacon Academy will contribute to making this a carbon neutral site in line with the Councils 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 which supports DN.105 17 February 2021

<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 is consistent with the Cabinet decision and delegations. Legal colleagues will continue to support in terms of legal documentation and advice around the grant funding terms and conditions, as appropriate.

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

The costs outlined will be funded from a mixture of Salix and Basic Need external grant allocations.

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

There are no 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?**

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

Name: Lisa Arthey

Title: Director of Children's Services

Signed: REDACTED

Dated: 07.09.21

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

Name: Councillor Ian Lindley

Title: Portfolio Holder for Children,  
Education and Skills.

Signed: REDACTED

Dated: 07.09.21