



Officer Decision Record – Key Decision

Key decisions taken by an officer are subject to the 5 day call in period from circulation to Members, and therefore the decision will be released for implementation following the call-in period and no call in being received

1. Cabinet date and copy resolution this key decision relates to

Cabinet Date: 15 February 2023

Decision:

DN.100 ELECTRICITY AND GAS BASKET FRAMEWORK

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval to carry out a further call off from the existing framework to help avoid risks of additional cost increases associated with the Council trying to re-procure its energy frameworks during a period of extreme market volatility.

RESOLVED –

1. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director Place and Resources, in consultation with the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Net Zero, Skills and Housing, to approve a further call off from the Electricity and Gas Basket framework.
2. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete all legal documentation in relation to the matters outlined above.

2. Subject and details of the matter (to include reasons for the decision)

The Council's current arrangement for the supply of electricity and gas will come to an end on 31 March 2024. Cabinet approved a further call off from the existing

electricity and gas framework. The call off process is being managed by the Council's transformation partner, Equans Services Ltd, utilising the expertise available within the ENGIE group to maximise financial savings for the Council. As well as providing for the corporate portfolio/maintained school, the framework is accessed by local academy schools/academy groups, Lincs Inspire, CATCH and Your community Hub (CIC). Access by these groups supports a stronger economy by allowing them to benefit from the lower energy rates procured. The framework supplier provides electricity from renewable sources, that contributes to reduction in carbon, supports the Council's revised zero carbon goal and our ambition to invest in a green future.

Approving the decisions will allow the Council to put measures in place to help mitigate the increases in the costs of utilities and the pressure this provides to the Council's budgets. The decision will also assist the Council's to achieve its commitment to reducing the organisation's carbon emissions to net zero by 2030.

3. Decision being taken

Approval to execute the call off form for the supply of electricity and gas for the period 01 April 2024 – 31 March 2028 under the existing North East Lincolnshire Electricity and Gas Basket Framework.

4. Is it an Urgent Decision? If yes, specify the reasons for urgency. Urgent decisions will require sign off by the relevant scrutiny chair(s) as not subject to call in.

No

5. Anticipated outcome(s)/benefits

To complete the execution of all legal documentation in relation to the Call Off Order Form.

6. Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer when making the decision (this should be similar to original cabinet decision)

N/A

7. Background documents considered (web links to be included and copies of documents provided for publishing)

Cabinet Report dated 15 February 2023

[12.-Cabinet-Report-Electricity-and-Gas-Basket-Frameworkpt-amend-1.pdf](#)
(nelincs.gov.uk)

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

N/A

9. 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)

N/A

10. Monitoring Officer Comments (Monitoring Officer or nominee)

The decision is consistent with the will of Cabinet and the delegations. The advantages, and rationale, for the recommendations are clearly outlined within the body of the report. A call off from an approved framework ensures the Council complies with its best value duty and obligations under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and the Council's Contract Procedure Rules. Relevant procurement and legal officers will support, as appropriate.

11. Section 151 Officer Comments (Deputy S151 Officer or nominee)

The decision aims to achieve best value for money for the Council from its electricity and gas contracts, and is consistent with the recommendation approved by Cabinet on 15 February 2023.

The forecast impact of energy price increases will be updated for the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan 2024-27.

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

There are no direct HR implications

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

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14. Has the Cabinet Tracker been updated with details of this decision?

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15. Decision Maker(s):

Name: Sharon Wroot

Title: Executive Director Environment
Economy & Resources

Signed: REDACTED

Dated:04.09.23

**16. Consultation carried out with the
Leader and Portfolio Holder(s):**

Name: Councillor Phillip Jackson

Title: Leader of the Council

Signed: REDACTED

Dated: 4th September 2023

Name: Councillor Stephen Harness

Title: Portfolio Holder for Finance,
Resources and Assets

Signed: REDACTED

Dated: 4th September 2023

**17. If the decision is urgent then
consultation should be carried out
with the relevant Scrutiny
Chair/Mayor/Deputy Mayor**

Name:

Title:

Signed:

Date

