Record of Officer's Decision

The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Date of Decision:	30 October 2026
Decision Maker (Officer):	Richard Barrett
Authority for Delegated Decision (Cabinet/Committee Decision or Scheme of Delegation – provide reference):	Part 3, Schedule 3 – Responsibility for Executive Functions delegated to Officers paragraph 4.3 (1) – the Corporate Director has delegated authority to discharge executive functions within their respective service areas (Part 3.38). All delegations are subject to consultation where considered appropriate in the circumstances (paragraph 4.3 (4(ii) – Part 3.39). The Director has delegated responsibility for matters relating to the associated procurement activity being undertaken / proposed. (as set out in the Council's Procurement Rules)
Identify which Portfolio Holder(s)/Committee Chairman consulted?	Finance and Governance PFH
Ward Member(s) consulted?	n/a
Is it a Key Decision?	No
Is it subject to call-in?	No
Decision Made:	To purchase Electricity from EDF Energy for the period 1 April 2027 to 31 March 2028 that continues to be based on the 'UK Renewable for Business Tariff'. The purchase of electricity is via the continuation of the use of a wider Government Commercial Agency* (GCA) Procurement Framework Agreement with the signing of a new Customer Access Agreement (CAA). **Formally Crown Commercial Services (CCS)*

Reason for Decision (if a report was produced to support the Decision, refer to or attach it):	To enable the on-going supply of electricity via a framework agreement supporting a value for money approach.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	The use of a framework agreement significantly reduces financial and legal risks, as the purchase will be undertaken via Crown Commercial Services in a fully compliant way. The Council budgets to spend in excess of £0.700m per annum.
Details of any Alternative Options Considered and rejected (together with reasons):	The Council could opt to use an alternative framework or undertake its own tender exercise. However given the economies of scale / 'buying power' that the GCA framework provides it is felt that value for money continues to be best demonstrated via this framework along with reflecting the expectations / requirements set out within the Council's Constitution. However, the Council does have options in terms the tariff it purchases. In line with the Council's carbon commitments, it is proposed to continue to opt for the UK renewables for business tariff that is based on a margin price over the 'standard' tariff. Based on current usage and the indicative prices received, the cost of the UK renewables for business tariff can be accommodated within existing budgets. Other tariffs are available based on permutations of standard, zero carbon (nuclear) or other blended approaches / available renewables. However, as stated above, the UK Renewables for Business balances the overall cost with the Council's current climate commitment.
Details of any declarations of interest (by Portfolio Holder/Committee Chairman who was consulted by the officer, which related to the decision) **If relevant, a note of the dispensation granted by the Monitoring Officer:**	N/A

Reason Decision, or supporting Report, is not published: *Tick one or more of the specific exemptions,* ***and*** *Give more information in the final box with regards to why the exemption applies and outweighs the public interest test (which is in favour of disclosure).*	X	Not applicable – Decision [and report] to be published
	If Report is not to be published – tick one of the following boxes:	
		The report supporting the Decision contains confidential information
		The Report supporting the Decision falls within an exemption pursuant to Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 Information:
		• Relates to an individual
		• Likely to reveal the identity of an individual
		• Relating to financial or business affairs of a person or organisation
		• Relates to a claim for legal professional privilege in legal proceedings
		• Reveals that the Council proposes to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or to make an order or direction under any enactment
		• Relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime
	And is exempt if and so long, as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information Reasons: n/a	

Officers

Signed: Richard Barrett Title: Corporate Director Finance & IT

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In consultation with:

Signed: **Portfolio Holder For Finance & Governance**

Signed: **Section 151 Officer (if required)**

Signed: **Monitoring Officer (if required)**

Dated: