



ADUR & WORTHING
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**Record of Officer
Executive Decision**
Decision Ref No: DforE/009/22-23
Date of Decision: 02 September 2022

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Record of Decision: Gas Supplier Contract Award

Decision taken by: Director for the Economy

Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests: I do not have a disclosable pecuniary interest, or conflict of interest.

Delegated authority:

At 2.6.8, a Director has delegated authority to do all matters in relation to procurement and the letting of contracts (after consulting with the Head of Facilities & Technical Services and the Solicitor to the Council). The procurement for this contract must have regard to the Councils' Joint Contract Standing Orders and to the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

In accordance with the decision (JAW/006/22-23), the Director for the Economy has been delegated authority to award the Contract.

Decision:

The Director for the Economy approved the outcome of the LASER (Local Authority South East Region) Energy Buying Consortium tender process and agreed to enter into a new contract with the most competitive utility company (or companies), as assessed by LASER, for the delivery of gas and electricity supplies to the Councils commencing from 1st October 2022.

The contract rates are commercially sensitive and are therefore excluded from the public domain until the contracts are secured and in place.

The overall financial effect on the Council's budget will necessitate additional budget provision and work on this is currently in hand by the Chief Financial Officer. A contingency sum has already been set aside within the Councils overall revenue budget to fund some of these additional costs.

Key Decision: Yes

Reason For Decision:

To authorise the acceptance of tenders as detailed above, obtained by LASER on the Councils behalf in accordance with the Joint Councils Contract Standing Orders.

Alternative Options Considered:

In view of the international energy crisis and the market being so volatile, there is limited time available to accept these tenders (often within hours) to lock down prices and a contract. Failure to respond/accept would put the Councils out of contract and higher energy rates charged. This risk is not acceptable.

Other Matters Considered:

Legal Advice and Issues	x	Financial Advice and Issues	x
Sustainability Issues	x	Equality Issues	x
Community Safety Issues	x	Human Rights Issues	x
Reputation	x	Risk Assessment	x
Health & Safety Issues	x		

Consultation:

Cabinet Members for Resources and internal consultations with Chief Financial Officer, Legal Services and LASER Energy Buying Manager.

Background Papers: Correspondence and contract advice from LASER

Call-in: Call-in for this decision has been waived.



Signed:

Dated: 2 September 2022

Name: Martin Randall, Director for Economy

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